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Brazil, Fall, 1957: a man kidnaped by a flying saucer crew and forced into startling biological experiments.

Florida, Spring, 1966: the strange tourists from beyond the sky.

Sydney, Australia, Summer, 1965: the craft from the clouds grounded on a populated beach.

Georgia, Summer, 1959: the 40 lb. block of ice catapulted from the skies . . .

These are only a few of the amazing, shocking, and completely documented instances of the UFO invasion. They are related by a man who has seen them and known them—a witness to the weird phenomenon we can no longer afford to ignore.

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The Truth About Flying Saucers

Flying saucers are real!

Unidentified flying objects, in various sizes and shapes, have been sighted by millions of people throughout the world during the past twenty years. The flight patterns and skilled maneuvers of these strange craft indicate they are controlled by intelligent beings. The stories of contactees, who claim to have talked with saucer pilots, present incredible evidence that flying saucers may be controlled by humanoids from outer space.

Incredible? Unbelievable? Let's look at the facts:

Hundreds of New Jersey residents, including public officials, lawmen, and veteran newsmen, watched as a flying saucer hovered for two hours over Wanaque Reservoir. The incident occurred on January 12, 1966, but only a few newspapers published the story.

A fourteen-year-old boy, Chris Ward of East Liverpool, Ohio, was temporarily paralyzed by a glowing beam of light from a flying saucer on August 19, 1966. Few Americans heard about the frightening experience and even fewer are aware of the reports from reputable people throughout the world that indicate UFO's may be equipped with heat-blast and paralysis-ray weapons.

Walter Stone, age twenty, of Carlisle, Kentucky, had his car buzzed by a fiery UFO on the morning of October 18, 1966. The object, "shaped like a stop sign," was surrounded by a ring of fire and Stone reported a "powerful invisible force" shoved him down into the seat of his automobile. Many motorists have experienced frightening highway encounters with car-chasing UFO's.

Sheriff's deputies and policemen in Ohio pursued a "hot dog"-shaped object during a wild, eighty-five-mile interstate chase on the night of April 17, 1966. "It was funny but the saucer would stop and wait if it got too far ahead," reported one of the lawmen.

A young Brazilian farmer has claimed for several years that he was kidnapped by a crew of four-foot saucer pilots and dragged into their ship where he was seduced by a beautiful space maiden.

Another contactee has claimed he rode a saucer piloted by a crew from "another planet" and that there were religious aspects about the saucer that he could not understand. NICAP, Seattle, has expressed belief in Sid Padrick's story.

Residents of Exeter, New Hampshire, have parked along high-voltage power lines and watched UFO's swoop in for a nightly recharge. Across the country in Rio Vista, California, townspeople gathered nightly at a water tower to view a red-dish, cigar-shaped UFO. Lawmen in both communities affirm these incidents.

In Australia, Brazil, France, Italy, Argentina, and many other countries there have been thousands of reports of frequent UFO activity that have been ignored by the American press. As an example, one startled Australian farmer discovered flying saucers had been using the marshlands at the back of his farm as a "nesting" place.

In America the residents of Erie, Pennsylvania, have been plagued in recent months by scores of saucer sightings and civilian researchers have tagged Erie as a "nesting" ground for saucers. UFO investigators are still attempting to unravel the mystery of these sightings.

Clergymen also see saucers. A British Anglican priest and his flock of native parishioners waved at the pilots of a flying disk that hovered over their church mission on the evening of June 26, 1959. According to more than a score of witnesses, the saucer pilots waved back and even dipped their ship several times in greeting.

Russians have also been seeing things in the sky, despite the Kremlin's insistence that flying saucers are nonexistent. Russian ground-to-air missiles were unleashed against a giant *bludza* (UFO) that hovered over a missile base near Moscow on June 21, 1961. An all-night shooting spree by USSR anti-aircraft batteries failed to blast down a single flying saucer out of the hundreds that flew over Russia's Kuril Islands during the night of June 25, 1957. Several Russians have claimed that they've been taking rides in flying saucers, just like American contactees.

What the Golden Fleece was to Jason and the ancient Greeks, or the legendary Seven Cities of Gold were to Cortez and his Spanish conquistadores, the flying saucers have become to people in the Space Age. They are the will-o'-the-wisp of the heavens and their legend has the elusive qualities of quicksilver. They are real. They are the products of an

overactive imagination. The night holds a thousand saucers. There is nothing up there. Crowds watch their aerial antics for hours. Mass delusion or swamp gas, claim the critics.

Sometimes they are hostile and bent on an invasion from outer space. At other times they are proclaimed to be angelic brothers from advanced civilizations in distant galaxies brought here by our sinful ways with a message of "Repent!"

At other times they are said to be from a forgotten civilization at the center of the earth and their exits are gigantic holes at the poles. Some say they are spiritual and others shout they are demonic. One theorist has claimed there are only seventy-nine saucers and they are the tools of Satan and his diabolical tribe. Others believe they are swarms of glowing flying ants. There are spacemen living among us. We are too dumb to be contacted.

Real or unreal, flying saucers are legend.

Let's take a look at the true facts about the most baffling phenomena in history.

The Saucer That Came to a Picnic

"It was huge and glowing and came right up the back of the car," explained Mary Zolar, a Denver teenager who described the glowing, buzzing UFO's that joined a picnic in Daniels Park, south of Denver, in Douglas County, Colorado.

Miss Zolar was with a group of three boys and three girls, all seventeen-year-old residents of Denver, who witnessed the hovering red, blue, and white lights on the evening of April 7, 1966. The group told policemen and newsmen that the lights were accompanied by a series of "unusual" pulsating, buzzing sounds.

"I don't know what they saw but I am convinced they saw something," said Police Chief John C. MacIvor of Littleton, Colorado. Chief MacIvor, admittedly a skeptic at first, said the teenagers appeared at his Littleton office around 11 P.M. and were "cold sober, sincere, and a little shaken by their experience."

Alan Scrivner, then a junior at Denver's East High School, gave this account:

Scrivner and his five friends drove to Daniels Park, which is about twelve miles south of Littleton, about 6:30 P.M. They parked their 1954 Ford and walked down a small bluff to a stone shelter built into the side of a hill.

About 9:30 P.M. the group was gathered around a fire they had started when noises were heard. "It sounded like a man walking on top of the shelter," said Scrivner. He explained the roof can be easily reached on foot from the sloping hillside.

Scrivner and Don Otis, also an East High junior, investigated the roof noises. They shined a flashlight beam into the surrounding area but could see nothing.

Scrivner and Otis left the others behind in the shelter and made their way through the underbrush back to the car. "I thought someone might be tampering with my car," said Scrivner.

When they reached the top of the hill, both of the teenagers heard "a real weird buzzing noise that seemed to be all around us."

The youths saw "two red lights—around a foot in diameter

—about two feet off the ground and parallel to each other." There was a bright white light in the center of the reds.

The lights were about twenty feet apart and appeared to be in a field across the road from their car. "We thought it might be a parked car or something and we crouched in the ditch and waited," the two teenagers related.

After a few minutes the teenagers again approached their car, heard and saw nothing, and rejoined their companions at the shelter.

The four teenagers in the shelter reported they had heard the sounds on the roof again. The light from the fire enabled two of the girls to see "a tall figure, like a man who might have been wearing a raincoat" dart along the edge of the shelter. The two girls reported they also heard the unknown visitor's footsteps.

Quickly the group decided to leave the deserted park.

On their return to the parked car, Don Otis glanced back and saw a bright red light behind the hill over the shelter. The glowing light illuminated the entire area.

As they reached their car the strange buzzing started again. The ominous sounds appeared to surround the group. "It didn't come from any particular direction," said Alan Scrivner.

"It was unlike anything I have ever heard before," said another teenager in the group.

Despite the buzzing noises, the curious teenagers perched on their car hood and watched the glowing lights. Two blue lights hovered low in the sky, about a half mile away. These lights were stationary and hung suspended in the sky and pulsed from dim to a glowing bright intensity. Occasionally a white light would appear between the blues and light up the entire area. Later these lights were joined by another set of blue lights, with glowing red centers.

No stars were visible during the watch because the sky was overcast. "But it was very clear beneath the clouds," the group agreed.

As the lights continued to hover, the six teenagers agreed they could see a dark, ominous outline between the lights.

"It appeared to be shaped like a black football—the blue lights on each end and the reddish-orange on top," said Alan Scrivner. "The red lights were on the bottom." The strange craft did not move up or down but the teenagers reported it did cast a beam of bright light on the ground.

Shaken by their findings, the six teenagers quickly piled into their car and started to leave the park.

"You may think we are nuts," Scrivner told Police Chief John MacIvor, "but my car did not work right. It would run up to about thirty miles per hour and then the engine would cut out. It was like someone turned the ignition off. Then the engine would catch again."

The teenagers also reported their radio was playing nothing but static while they were in the immediate area of the UFO.

Two of the girls and Don Otis watched incredulously as their fleeing car was pursued by a large oval circle of light. The strange light covered the entire road.

This was the light Mary Zolar referred to as "huge and glowing." The light came up the back of the car. "Then it went out after about three seconds," Miss Zolar said.

The teenagers left the park area and their automobile began to function normally and the radio static stopped. The group stopped at the first service station and telephoned the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office and then went to the police station in Littleton.

Police Chief MacIvor said, "I was skeptical at first but each of the kids called their parents to tell them where they were."

"One thing about their story that was impressive was that all six did not claim to have seen the same shaped thing at the same time," said Chief MacIvor.

Other members of the teenage group included Michael Simington, Patty Retherford, and Kaye Hurley.

During the same night other Colorado residents sighted flying saucers and UFO's. Reporter Don Prather of the *Delta* (Colorado) *Independent*, Police Chief D. C. Morgan, and Patrolman Earnest Markley watched an object for two hours before it disappeared by rising straight up into the air. They said the UFO was glowing, green-colored, and very bright.

Two University of Denver students sighted seven flying saucers the same evening, which they described as "about the size of garbage-can lids."

The Frightening Florida Alien

"He looked at me for a minute and a half. I couldn't even blink an eye, I was so scared," said sixty-six-year-old John Reeves, who described his frightening encounter with a "robotlike thing" in a deserted woodland near Weeki Wachee Springs, Florida.

Reeves, a retired longshoreman from New York, left his trailer court on Highway 50 on the afternoon of March 2, 1965. As was his custom, the Floridian walked through the woods in search of snake specimens which his son studied.

"About a mile from the trailer court I walked through the bushes and saw a flying saucer about seven hundred yards away," said Reeves. He described the saucer as greenish-blue and reddish-purple in color. It was around twenty-five feet in diameter, with two windows in the dome and the craft rested on a four-legged landing gear.

"I slipped through the bushes to come in undetected," said Reeves. He was within one hundred feet of the spacecraft when a "being about five feet tall," stepped from some bushes. The alien being wore a silver, coverall-type suit and skintight "mittens or gloves." A glass dome protected a "strange" face with wide-set eyes and a "chin that came down to a point."

The alien walked stiffly toward Reeves and stared at the Floridian from a distance of fifteen feet. "Then he pulled something from his left side, lifted it to chin level, and it flashed," said Reeves, who later decided the object might be a camera. He described the device as six or seven inches in diameter and black in color.

"He flashed it again and I took off running through the bushes," Reeves told newsmen and police officials. On his panic-stricken flight Reeves lost his hat, stumbled to the ground, "and I just lay there in a kind of sitting position."

Looking back, Reeves saw another flash from the strange black box as if he was being photographed by a tourist from outer space.

"After the thing flashed again, the creature walked back to the saucer and entered the ship through an opening in the

bottom," said Reeves. The opening had cylindrical steps leading up into the saucer.

"Some blades on the rim of the saucer began to move like venetian blinds. They opened and closed. Then the rim started moving counterclockwise. It made a whooshing and rumbling noise and started going around faster," Reeves continued.

"I've heard all of the sounds that aircraft make and this was unlike any I had heard before. The landing gear retracted into the saucer and it went straight up. It disappeared from sight in ten seconds or so," Reeves said.

Reeves waited a few minutes to be certain the saucer would not return and then inspected the landing site. The alien had dropped a calling card. It was a roll of thin, tissuelike paper, fashioned like a manuscript scroll and marked with strange characters. "It looked like Chinese writing but wasn't," said the Floridian.

The former longshoreman also discovered the alien had left several good footprints in the sand. These were described as "round on both ends and very narrow in the middle," like a figure 8.

Holes in the ground where the landing gear had rested measured "four or five inches in diameter" and were four inches deep.

On March 3 John Reeves drove to nearby Brooksville, Florida, and reported the experience to staff members of radio station WFFB. Woody Johnson, a station employee, examined the roll of paper dropped by the saucer pilot. Johnson cut a tiny corner from the roll, lit it with a match, and the flaring paper burned like a miniature explosion. Johnson was unable to tear the thin, but extremely strong, coarse-grained paper.

After telling his story at the radio station, John Reeves met investigators from nearby MacDill Air Force Base. He led the Air Force intelligence officers and newspaper reporters to the landing site. Photographers from the alerted newspapers snapped pictures of the landing holes and the strange footprints.

Reeves also submitted to a lie-detector test and easily passed the polygraph examination. "It is my opinion that he was truth-telling in all respects," said J. E. Edwards, the polygraph examiner.

Several weeks later the Air Force returned the alien paper to Mr. Reeves and branded the entire incident "an obvious hoax." Both John Reeves and Woody Johnson claim the pa-

per returned was not the same roll given to the investigators from the MacDill base. The Air Force said the easily decoded message read: "Planet Mars—Are you coming home soon? We miss you very much—Why did you stay away so long?"

UFOlogists pointed out the similarities in the descriptions provided by Reeves and other sightings. Saucers with this type of landing gear were seen by the Reverend William Gill and thirty-seven other observers in New Guinea. The saucer men wore suits similar to those described by John Reeves.

Space suits and descriptions of saucer occupants with wide-set eyes and "pointed chins" have been commonplace in Brazil and other South American countries.

It is very doubtful that a sixty-six-year-old retired man could prepare such an elaborate hoax, as the Air Force investigators charged. Subsequent investigation by UFOlogists revealed John Reeves has an excellent reputation in his area. One can only wonder why the Air Force ignored yet another major clue in the baffling UFO mystery.

The Fathers of Flying Saucers

The modern saga of flying saucers originated on the calm, summery afternoon of June 24, 1947, when businessman Kenneth Arnold was piloting his private plane over the Cascade Mountains in the state of Washington and spotted nine bright, disk-shaped objects near Mount Rainier. This classic sighting by Arnold continues to be one of the unexplained cases in the files of Project Blue Book, the UFO investigative agency for the U.S. Air Force.

The term "flying saucer" became a part of the language when Arnold, an experienced pilot, described the formation of disks as "flying as a saucer would if you skipped it across water." An alert reporter tagged the disks "flying saucers" and newspapers throughout the country printed the story. Since then the term has become a part of the world's languages and is included in most dictionaries.

The official U.S. Air Force report on Arnold's sighting reads:

On 24 of June 1947 at 1400 (2 P.M. to the layman) Mr. Kenneth Arnold took off from Chevalis, Washington, airport in his personal plane and headed for Yakima, Wash.

Mr. Arnold's trip was delayed for an hour in search of a large military transport plane that went down near . . . Mt. Rainier.

. . . Mr. Arnold reported that the air was so smooth that it was a real pleasure to fly.

The Idaho businessman was proceeding on his course when a bright light flashed across his cockpit.

He couldn't find where the reflection came from, but to the left and north of Mt. Rainier he did observe a chain of nine peculiar-looking objects flying from north to south at an altitude of 9,500 feet. They were approaching Mt. Rainier very rapidly and he assumed they were jet aircraft.

Every few seconds two or three of the objects would

dip or change course slightly, just enough for the sun to strike them at an angle and reflect brightly . . . he was unable to make out their shape or formation.

As they approached Mt. Rainier he observed their outline quite clearly . . . he found it very peculiar that he couldn't find their tails but presumed they were some type of jet aircraft.

. . . Mr. Arnold stated that the objects flew like geese, in a diagonal chainlike line as if they were linked together . . . they held a definite direction but swerved in and out of the high mountain peaks . . .

Using a Zeus fastener, he estimated the size of the objects to be approximately two-thirds that of a DC-4 . . . later measurements revealed . . . the chain of objects was five miles long. Mr. Arnold timed the objects between Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams and determined they crossed this 47 miles in one minute and 42 seconds.

This is the equivalent of 1,656.71 miles per hour.

Kenneth Arnold is now fifty-one years old and is the president of his own fire-equipment-control corporation. He is active in Idaho political circles and unsuccessfully ran for lieutenant governor in 1962 and was defeated as a Congressional candidate in 1966. He has been in demand since 1947 as a speaker on the subject of flying saucers.

When Kenneth Arnold's account of the flying saucers was received in news rooms throughout the nation, newspaper editors played the story for laughs and gave it humorous treatment. But one man in Chicago saw more than humor in the pilot's story. That individual was Ray Palmer, who was then the editor of two science-fiction pulp magazines, *Amazing Stories* and *Fantastic Adventures*.

Palmer may have been the first man to feel the heavy hand of the military where the subject of flying saucers is concerned. He claimed a story on Arnold's experience was ready for publication when brass-heavy officers complained to his publisher and the edition was killed.

Palmer wrote recently:

There has been a lot of talk about secrecy and censorship. We can tell you of only one instance of censorship . . . back in 1947 . . . when we had forecast a special issue (of *Amazing Stories*) offering proof that flying saucers were real, in the form of photographs, and a great

deal of evidence in the form of testimony by reputable people.

That was our mistake—forecasting the issue—because one day a group of military men showed up in the office of the president and . . . the whole thing was killed by the order of the president of the company.

Palmer left the science-fiction magazine to publish an article tagged "I Did See the Flying Discs," by-lined by Kenneth Arnold, in the original issue of his new publication, *Fate*.

Palmer was also the first to theorize that flying saucers might be from other planets and he was the first writer to charge the military with conspiracy to cover up the flying-saucer story.

Ray Palmer lives today on a farm in Amherst, Wisconsin, and publishes several magazines including *Flying Saucers* (\$2.50 per year; Palmer Publications, Amherst, Wisconsin). Palmer maintains that truth is stranger than fiction and "more fun to publish than fiction." He has toyed with the idea that saucers are actual living creatures and, more recently, has suggested they may be vehicles from a civilization inside the earth, à la H. G. Wells's *Journey to the Center of the Earth*.

Palmer's style is reminiscent of the renowned science-baiter, Charles Fort, but many saucerians ignore his fanciful probing attacks.

During his days as editor of *Amazing Stories*, Palmer advanced the then-astounding belief that Einstein erred in his gravitational theory. "We got into a lot of trouble over it," recalled Palmer. "*Life* magazine laughed over a pulp magazine editor disputing Einstein." Only recently has formal science doubted the validity of Einstein's findings.

While Ray Palmer has formulated his conclusions, Kenneth Arnold tells lecture audiences that he has witnessed several other UFO flights since 1947.

"After looking at these objects for another time, I think they may be something alive," Arnold has told his listeners. "They may be a living organism of some type that can change its density, like a fish in water which does not lose its identity."

Scientists Who Changed Their Minds

"When a scientist states that something is possible, he is almost certainly right. When he states that something is impossible, he is probably wrong," said Arthur C. Clarke in his book, *Profiles of the Future*. The British author is correct in his assessment of the scientific alternatives because formal scientists have been proven wrong throughout history.

What is science? Piet Hein, a poet and mathematician in Denmark, outlined the road to wisdom in a little book entitled *Grooks*, published by the M.I.T. Press in 1966.

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A typical UFO critic was Dr. H. Percy Wilkins, a member of the Royal Astronomical Society and an authority on the moon. "I am not only a skeptic but an absolute unbeliever in such things as flying objects," the astronomer told newsmen on several occasions.

This was before Dr. Wilkins sighted three shiny, circular saucers hovering above a cloud during an airplane flight to Atlanta, Georgia, on the afternoon of June 11, 1954.

"They were sharply-edged and glittered like polished gold in the sunlight," Dr. Wilkins related. "They were certainly not caused by any meteorological or optical illusion and I noticed a third, less bright, object hidden in a mass of clouds."

On August 1, 1966, Dr. Vasil Uzunoglu, a forty-year-old physicist and electronic specialist, was driving on a Maryland freeway when he glanced up into the skies of Prince Georges County, Maryland.

"I have never seen an object like it before," he stated. "It was not an airplane or a conventional craft. It had two very bright red lights and a flickering green one and was silent. It

hung motionless in the sky." When the large UFO moved away, the shocked scientist estimated its speed at four thousand miles per hour.

Dr. Felix Seigel, a Russian astronomer, investigated the UFO phenomena and concluded that highly developed beings on other planets are making regular trips into space "and to the earth." The Moscow scientist reported "it would be an excellent idea for the scientific community to attempt a meeting with these space travelers."

After his study of UFO's, Dr. C. Duncan Fletcher of the Kenya Astronomical Association advanced the theory that saucers "are mapping every portion of the earth."

Another advocate for the outer-space theory is Professor Charles A. Maney, head of the Department of Physics, at aptly-named Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio. After an intensive, unbiased study over several years, the Ohio scientist reported, "I am convinced that there is massive documental evidence confirming UFO reality. Their tremendous speed, intricate maneuvers, unique shapes, and other outstanding features indicate they are not made on earth."

Professor Hermann Oberth, internationally renowned authority on rockets and space flights, has repeatedly asserted his belief in flying saucers. Dr. Oberth did an extensive study of UFO's for the West German government and concluded:

"I have examined all the arguments supporting and denying the existence of flying saucers and it is my belief that UFO's do exist, are very real, and are spaceships from another or more than one other solar system.

"They are possibly manned by intelligent observers who are members of a race carrying out long-range scientific investigation of the earth for centuries," Dr. Oberth stated.

Frank Halstead, curator of the University of Minnesota Observatory in Duluth, was shocked when he saw a pair of flying saucers in November, 1955. Halstead revised his attitude toward saucers and spoke in behalf of UFO's. "Credible witnesses all over the world are reporting incidents similar to mine," said Halstead. "It does not alter the existing facts if these people are held up to ridicule. The time is long overdue for accepting the presence of these things, whatever they are, and dealing with them—and the public—on a basis of reality and honesty."

The scientific community is gradually accepting the reality of flying saucers—ten years after Halstead's speech—but the sight of a glittering disk is still the fastest "mind-changer" for many acid-tongued critics.

The Friendly Little Men

"I had always considered flying saucers to be figments of the imagination or some sort of electrical phenomenon," said the Reverend William Booth Gill. Father Gill had served on the staff of the Anglican Church Mission at isolated Papua, New Guinea, for over thirteen years.

The Church of England clergyman changed his mind on June 26, 1959, when he and thirty-seven other witnesses saw a flying saucer close up, waved a welcome toward the craft, and the little men waved back!

Beginning in November, 1958, members of Father Gill's congregation reported sightings of flying saucers. In early June, 1959, the sightings were quite numerous and, at the insistence of a mission teacher, Father Gill filed a short, skeptical report to his church superiors.

One June 26, about 6:45 p.m., Father Gill glanced out his front door when a bright light in the sky caught his attention. The light moved closer to the minister's home and Father Gill sent for local natives to join in the watch on the flying saucer.

"There is no doubt whatever that these things are handled by beings of some kind," reported Father Gill. "At times the whole affair was absolutely breathtaking. . . ."

About 7 p.m. Father Gill noticed a humanlike figure moving around atop the hovering saucer. This figure was subsequently joined by two others.

Rough notes made by the minister read:

P.M.

7:10 Men, 1, 3, 4, 2 (appeared in that order). Thin electric blue spotlight. Men gone, spotlight still there.

7:12 Men one and two appeared. Blue light.

7:20 Spotlight off, men go. Object goes through cloud.

8:23 Object . . . appeared to descend, get bigger.

8:29 Second UFO seen over sea, hovering at times.

8:35 Another over at Wadobuna village. Another to the east.

8:50 Big one stationary and large—the original? Others coming and going through the clouds. As they descend, light is reflected like large halo onto cloud. Cloud ceiling no more than 2,000 feet—

probably less. All unidentified flying objects very clear.

9:10 "Mother" ship gone—giving red light. The ship reappeared again at 9:45, hovered for 15 minutes and disappeared.

On June 27 Father Gill witnessed the most amazing sighting of the series. A young mission orderly saw a large object hovering in the same spot at about 6 p.m. Father Gill reported:

We watched figures appear on top—four of them—no doubt that they are human.

Possibly it is the same object that I took to be the "mother" ship last night. Two smaller unidentified flying objects were seen at the same time. . . .

On the large object two of the figures seemed to be doing something near the center of the deck. They were occasionally bending over and raising their arms as though adjusting or setting up something.

One figure seemed to be standing and looking down on us. Our group numbered about a dozen people.

I stretched my arm above my head and waved. To our surprise, the figure did the same.

One of the Papuan teachers waved both arms over his head and the two outside figures did the same.

The teacher and I began waving and the four figures seemed to wave back. There seemed no doubt that they were answering our movements. I heard the mission boys gasping.

As darkness fell Father Gill used a flashlight to signal a series of long dashes toward the object. "After a couple of minutes of this, the UFO acknowledged by making several wavering motions," said Father Gill. He repeated the signals and the object moved closer and hovered until the crowd dispersed for evening services.

The saucers returned on Sunday and Father Gill said, "They appeared to sparkle. They gave off a kind of silvery light like children's sparklers."

The Anglican churchman calculated the largest disk was about thirty-five feet in diameter on the bottom and twenty feet "on the top deck." The craft was yellowish in color but changed to blue-green when in motion. A blue light glowed

from the center of the deck and flickered on and off every few seconds. The craft was disk-shaped with a small, round superstructure and another superstructure atop that. There were four legs pointing downward which were believed to be landing gear.

"The figures on the 'ship' appeared light colored but I cannot be any more detailed than that," said Father Gill.

After the sightings the Anglican churchman prepared an eight-page report which was signed by twenty-seven witnesses and forwarded to his church superiors.

On the Trail of Ancient Space Visitors

The mountains of Bayan-Kara-Ula, running along the border of Tibet and China, are located in one of the most remote regions of the world. Since the rise of a Communist government in China, no western scientist has been allowed to explore in these isolated regions.

These hills are the homeland of the Han and Dropa tribes, a frail, stunted people who average only four feet, two inches in height. "These people have defied any type of ethnic or racial classification and the history of their origin is shrouded in mystery," reported an archaeologist recently.

In addition to their work to discover the origin of the strange little tribesmen, Oriental archaeologists uncovered another equally baffling mystery. About twenty-five years ago a team of archaeology students from Peking explored several large caverns and caves in the remote mountains. They discovered piles of strange disks that were covered with unusual hieroglyphics in definite patterns. Over seven hundred of the disks have been unearthed to date and each has been scientifically scrutinized and dated as being several thousand years old.

Shaped like an LP phonograph record, but much thicker, the stone disks contain a hole in the center. Double grooves start at the center opening and spiral outward to the edge of each stone.

"These grooves are not sound tracks," reported a Peking scientist, who worked on the project. "They constitute some of the strangest forms of writing ever found in China or in any other part of the world."

After two decades of patient research, archaeologists at the Peking Academy of Prehistory succeeded in solving the secret of the strange spirals. When their decoded manuscript was presented for publication, it was immediately banned by the Chinese government as too controversial.

Eventually five professors obtained permission to mimeograph the results of their research into a monograph entitled "Groove Writing Relating to Spaceships Which, As Recorded on the Discs, Existed 12,000 Years Ago."

One of the seven hundred spiraled disks, when decoded, presumably told of the origin of the Dropa tribe:

"The Dropas came down from the clouds in their gliders and our men and women hid in the caves ten times before the sunrise. When at last they understood the sign language of the Dropas, they realized the visitors had peaceful intentions. . . ."

Another of the disks expressed regret over the Han tribe's loss of their own spaceship. The ship supposedly crashed during a precarious landing in the high mountains, and although the tribe attempted to construct another airship, they were unable to do so.

The Chinese archaeologists reported, "The Pavan-Kara-Ula disks are so mysterious and so controversial in their implications that their interpretation and analysis for scientific research should proceed only under the utmost care."

Adhering rocks and mud were scraped off several of the disks and they were forwarded to Moscow for study by Russian scientists. The Russians discovered the stones contained a large amount of cobalt, which is an incredible discovery considering their age and origin.

Tests by the Russians also revealed the disks vibrated with unusual rhythmic tones when struck by a metal rod or other object. "The disks appear to contain some form of electrical charge or else they were part of an elaborate electrical system at one time," said a baffled Russian scientist.

There are many ancient legends in China that say small, stunted people dropped from the skies and attempted to contact earthlings. These legends report the sky people were "about the size of an eight-year-old child" and their heads were larger than usual. The sky visitors camped on the edge of Chinese settlements and tried to communicate with the elders of the frightened villages. The superstitious Chinese considered the newcomers omens of evil and the Emperor's cavalry was dispatched to kill the "devils from the sky" or chase them into the hills.

A recent expedition of Chinese archaeologists ventured again into a network of caves in the Bayan-Kara-Ula mountains and found several twelve-thousand-year-old skeletons. The remains indicated the mountains may have been inhabited by humanlike beings with overdeveloped craniums and small, frail bodies.

"The Chinese scientists reported they had found the burial cave of an unknown species of ape," said a Hong Kong re-

porter, who has contacts behind the bamboo curtain. "Ruins from Peking indicate the Chinese did not know what they found because apes do not bury their dead in underground graves."

The mysterious caves where the skeletons were unearthed had the interior walls covered with paintings and drawings of a rising sun, the moon, pointed stars and dot-sized etchings of what might be representations of galaxies.

There are other drawings in the Bayan-Kara-Ula caves that depict saucerlike objects streaming out of the sky to land in a mountainous region.

Other Oriental legends lead to further speculation about the origin of these odd skeletons. Ancient Tibetan chronicles report there was no moon in the sky until about twelve thousand years ago and this same belief is repeated in legends of various Eastern European countries.

Hans Herbirger, an Austrian mathematician and engineer, developed the hypothesis that the moon was attracted by the force of earth gravity about twelve thousand years ago. Herbirger believes the celestial shake-up caused the sinking of Atlantis and created the flood of Biblical times. Henri Bellemi covers Herbirger's conclusions in detail in *Myth About Atlantis*.

Japanese archaeologists have also uncovered some astounding cave drawings that show humanoid figures clothed in space suits with helmetlike globes over their heads. These helmets have thin marks spreading outward, which indicates they could represent air hoses used for breathing apparatus.

"These drawings are another link that indicates the earth has been visited by space people during ancient times," reported a Japanese UFO organization. A German magazine, *Freie Welt*, in Issue No. 12, 1966, published photographs of the Japanese figurines and headlined them as "Calling Cards from Space Visitors."

Another interesting archaeological find were the ancient figures of the famous Tassili frescoes, which are located in the middle of the fiery Sahara desert. Henry Lotte, leader of the French expedition which investigated the site, told the full story of these strange mementos from a lost race in his book, *The Search for the Frescoes of Tassili*.

Like the Japanese figures, the Sahara cave murals contained many odd figures dressed in what could be construed to be space suits topped with spherical helmets. Henry Lotte labeled these figures as "Martians."

"One drawing depicts a man appearing from an egg-shaped object. The object is covered with concentric circles," said Lotte. So the Tassili frescoes in the midst of an uninhabited desert would appear to have much in common with the Japanese drawings and those found on the Tibetan border.

Similar drawings and artifacts have been discovered in caves in Russia, the Swiss Alps, Australia, Spain, Mexico, and Israel. Many of these have been dismissed with simple, ordinary explanations. But Dr. Carl Sagan, assistant professor of astronomy at Harvard, has not ruled out the possibility of ancient visitors from outer space. Dr. Sagan believes we should study earthly mythology for hints of possible contact with extraterrestrials.

In their book, *Intelligent Life in the Universe*, Dr. Sagan and Dr. I. S. Shklovskii discuss these possibilities. Dr. Sagan says:

Some years ago I came upon a legend which more nearly fulfills some of our criteria for a genuine contact myth. It is of special interest because it relates to the origin of the Sumerian civilization. Sumer was an early—perhaps the first—civilization in the contemporary sense on the planet earth. . . . Taken at face value the legend suggests that contact occurred between human beings and a nonhuman civilization of immense powers on the shores of the Persian Gulf, perhaps near the site of the ancient Sumerian city of Eridu, in the fourth millennium B.C. or earlier.

The Sumerian myth tells of contact between humans and a creature resembling a fish-man. With characteristics of each species, the visitors were called "Oannes" during their appearances over several generations when they instructed the primitive humans in the methods of civilization.

Of course, Dr. Sagan's speculative idea can probably never be proven. But it points out the need for more investigation into the mystery as to what led our ancient ancestors, scattered tribes in many lands, to draw or carve fairly precise interpretations of a modern astronaut. We need more scientific analysis of ancient myths and legends which might provide clues to evidence of visits from extraterrestrials.

UFO's That Chase Cars

"Do you know what will really shake you up? Bo driving down the road and meet a flying object," declared a pretty blond housewife after a near collision with a flying object on a deserted Midwestern highway.

Mrs. Karen Campbell of Ponca City, Oklahoma, was returning home from a trip to Denver and around 5 A.M. on the morning of September 11, 1946. She braked her car as she entered a speed zone on the west edge of Ulysses, Kansas.

"Suddenly my headlights picked up this 'thing' skimming down the highway directly toward me," Mrs. Campbell told newsmen. "It was the biggest shock of my life. I had never witnessed anything like it before then."

The flying object was moving at a tremendous speed about three feet above the highway surface. It banked sharply and climbed rapidly to avoid a collision with Mrs. Campbell's automobile. "It made a noise like rushing wind but there was no sound of a motor," said Mrs. Campbell. She described the device as circular, about four feet high and the width of a highway lane.

"It had a dull copper color and there were no lights on it," said the housewife. "There was an oval bubble on top. When the object banked, I glimpsed a centerpiece of some sort on the underside."

After the split-second encounter with the disk, Mrs. Campbell stepped on the accelerator and drove at high speed to a café about a mile down the road. "I couldn't even talk at first," she related. "I was shaking so badly I spilled milk down the front of my dress. I stayed there for an hour until it was daylight, drinking about ten cups of coffee and smoking a pack of cigarettes. I started to tell one man about my experience but he acted like he thought I was drunk or something."

At daybreak Mrs. Campbell continued the seven-hour drive to Ponca City, Oklahoma. "My hair was standing on end the whole way," she confided to newsmen. "I'll never make the trip again except in daylight."

On June 2, 1965, Mrs. A. W. Brundage was driving along a lonely road near Kent, Washington, when her automobile stopped, the engine died, and the headlights went out. Mrs. Brundage noticed a glowing object spinning slowly over her

car. "The revolving object reminded me of a gigantic child's toy top," she said.

The mysterious object spun momentarily and then "made a sort of whistling swish" as it sped from sight. The automobile functioned perfectly after the object left but the battery was dead on the following day. Mrs. Brundage was so frightened by her eerie encounter that she has refused to drive alone over that stretch of road.

On August 15, 1966, three teenage boys were driving up a hill in Charleston, West Virginia, when a mysterious domed object hovered over their car, created a strange buzzing on their car radio, and stalled the engine.

"We saw this dome thing overhead, glowing sort of reddish-orange," Victor Camp, one of the three boys, told authorities. "It looked something like a flat bowl and was six or eight feet in diameter."

The glowing object moved toward their stalled automobile. "When it was about ten feet away we jumped from the car and started down the hill," one of the witnesses stated.

"One of us fell and I stopped to help him up," Victor Camp continued. "The thing was coming right toward us and then it veered up in the air and seemed to disappear." State Police Cpl. A. R. Bruce accompanied the youths to the scene but discovered no evidence of the UFO. Corporal Bruce reported the three boys were "very sincere, frightened young men."

Another encounter with a UFO occurred when Bob Falk, a forty-two-year-old Midland, Texas, automobile salesman and his family were driving near Garden City, Texas, on the night of March 28, 1965. Falk, his wife, their two children, and a relative spotted an object hovering over their automobile. "It was rectangular and gave off the brightest light I ever saw," Falk related.

"The whole inside of the car lit up, my wife hollered, and it was all I could do to get the car off the road. I almost ran into the ditch," the Texan recalled. "It just stayed there hovering for fifteen or twenty seconds and then it was gone."

Another highway incident happened at 12:30 A.M. on June 17, 1966, when a housewife was driving on Highway 7 near Georgetown, Ontario, Canada. The woman, who asked to remain anonymous, said a bright silver object suddenly appeared in front of her automobile.

"It frightened me dreadfully. It was a clear night and the stars were bright but this was a dazzling silver color with a long, long trail of a lighter color. It looked so huge. It did not

seem to have lights on it and there did not seem to be any windows," the housewife reported. "I slammed on my brakes and it flew off. I have no idea how close it was to the car."

The following morning the housewife and her husband inspected the automobile and discovered thousands of transparent, chemical-like blemishes on the front and top of the vehicle. "The chemical, or whatever it was, had hardened into little bubbles," she related. "When we washed the car, they smeared and left a rough mark on the paint."

An orange-yellow glowing UFO that resembled a huge sombrero flashed in front of a car driven by Mrs. Margaret Parker of Daytona Beach, Florida, on the evening of April 8, 1966. Mrs. Parker told newsmen the object was "about twice the size of a car and it tried to run me off the road." Mrs. Parker slammed on the brakes, leaped from her car, and observed the object for five minutes. Others sighted a similar object that same night in central Florida.

Exactly one month later a Cape Coral, Florida, real estate salesman was frightened by a glowing UFO which he met on U.S. Highway 41 near Naples, Florida. William Karelak told Naples, Florida, police that the object was "as big as a house and a hundred feet across."

"I had just put the top down on my car and noticed a white light behind me as I drove toward Naples," related Karelak. "I started to get nervous because it was so huge. It couldn't be a plane or another car. In three or four minutes it was over the left rear fender of my vehicle, about one hundred and fifty feet up in the air. It changed colors from white to blue-green. I was scared rather than nervous and ran off the road several times trying to observe it."

Karelak decided "nothing good was going to happen if I stopped. I got out of there as fast as the car would run." Karelak was driving at 115 miles per hour when the object made a loud "whooshing" sound and "left me as if I was standing still." The object hovered a mile ahead of the car, made a counterclockwise circle, and vanished. Karelak drove to the Naples police station and reported the incident.

Another close contact with a UFO occurred on November 17, 1965, when Rita Goracke and Bill Miller were driving near Agra, Kansas, and spotted a bright object in the sky. "I saw it coming down and going back up into the sky," Miller stated. "Then it became very bright and headed toward us. We drove into town and picked up Van Bradley and Carol Herbel and returned to the spot."

The UFO returned after a wait of five minutes. "It came up from behind us and lit up the whole car," continued Miller. "I started the car and the UFO moved alongside the car and followed us back to town."

Van Bradley said, "It was a bright light, low to the ground and quite large. We couldn't see a distinct outline but it seemed as if there were three windows and a bright light at the back."

Three teenage boys were idly driving around near DeRidder, Louisiana, on the night of December 4, 1965, when they observed a glowing light at treetop level in the night sky.

"We stopped the car and turned our headlights toward it," the driver told law officers. "It came toward us and we got out of there. I told the other two fellows to keep an eye on it but one was crying and the other was praying and I was busy driving. Nobody watched to see what finally happened to it." Several other persons sighted glowing UFO's in the same region that night.

Flying Saucers Over Russia

"There's a *bludza* in the sky!"

This warning cry from an alarmed Russian soldier alerted a Soviet missile base and triggered a frightening science-fiction type of space-age battle with a flying saucer. The saucer had come to spy upon a new USSR missile base and a panic-stricken commander unleashed missiles against the intruder.

The incident occurred on the afternoon of June 21, 1961, at an air-to-ground missile base outside of Rybinsk, about 140 kilometers north of Moscow. The base was equipped with sophisticated guided missiles and it is part of an elaborate defense complex which encircles the Russian capital.

When the alarm was sounded, the missilemen stared in silent awe as a huge metallic disk, judged to measure three hundred feet in diameter, hovered over the base at an altitude of twenty thousand meters. The strange disk appeared first on the radar screen and then became visible to the eye. The sunlight glinted brilliantly against the bright metallic body of the flying saucer.

As the saucer hovered, several smaller disks were released and they raced down toward the missile base. These small disks scoured the area in tight search-and-recovery flight as if they might be photographing the installation.

The missilemen became panic-stricken as the luminous disks flashed across the base. "It's an American secret weapon," babbled a frightened technician.

"No! It's the devil!" whispered a companion, secretly crossing himself.

"They must be preparing to attack. What shall we do?" a missileman shouted to the base commander.

"I know everything in the sky with a hammer and a sickle on it," growled the nervous commander. "This isn't a Soviet machine. Prepare to fire!"

The Russians dashed to their battle stations and the base roared into action as nervous fingers pressed dangerous red buttons. Camouflaged doors disappeared and ugly, armed rockets snapped into firing position.

"Radar? Are we locked in?" The commander growled over the base communications system.

"We're on target for a direct hit. At this range we can't miss."

"Fire!" snapped the commander.

The underground concrete bunkers trembled as a flaming salvo of deadly rockets blasted off the launching pad. Trailing smoke and flame, the red rockets zoomed directly toward the suspended flying saucer. When the missiles reached a distance of two kilometers from the saucer, they exploded harmlessly in midair. It seemed as if the flying saucer was protected by some strange, invisible force field.

"No contact," announced the radar unit.

"Fire the second round," the commander announced. Another volley of rockets sped toward the saucer. They also exploded in futile fury when they reached the same two-kilometers distance from the hovering spaceship.

"The czar's ghost!" cried the worried base commander. "Prepare to fire another round."

As soldiers and technicians raced to prepare a third salvo, the smaller disks flew even closer and hovered directly over the installation.

"We've lost our electrical power," cried a technician.

"Impossible. What about emergency power?" asked the commander.

"Everything is dead," was the reply. The missile base was fed by shielded power lines from the Rybinsk power station. In the event of loss of power during an attack, electronic switching equipment would automatically convert the base to its own emergency generating equipment.

The base commander checked the dead electrical circuits. "We had better learn how to pray," he concluded quietly.

The giant discoidal saucer remained over the Rybinsk missile base for another ten minutes. The smaller disks returned to the mother ship and, as they moved away from the base, the electrical equipment functioned normally again.

The base commander who had given the unauthorized order to fire upon the saucer was severely reprimanded by his superiors in the Russian Tactical Missile Command. Officers and crew members were grilled on every aspect of the frightening incident.

Investigators concluded the flying saucer had come to spy on the newly completed missile base. When the missiles were unleashed, the saucer had used some unknown "secret weapon or force field" to harmlessly explode the Russian rockets at a safe distance from the ship. The smaller UFO's had moved in, the investigators concluded, and created a powerful electro-magnetic reaction in the missile base's electrical system.

The Rybinsk episode is one of numerous flying-saucer accidents that have occurred behind the iron curtain. It is evident that the strange ships that race through our skies are not selective about political, social, or national boundaries. Both peasants and politicians have witnessed dozens of strange aerial phenomena in the Russian skies.

The Rybinsk battle was not the first occasion when Soviet guns had fired upon UFO's. On July 25, 1957, Russian anti-aircraft batteries on the Kuril Islands, on the Pacific coast, fired on formations of hundreds of UFO's that appeared in the night skies.

Reuters New Service reported: "Last night the batteries of Kuril Island opened fire on UFO's. Japanese authorities reported that the whole Soviet artillery was in action and that powerful searchlights lit up the sky."

The anti-aircraft guns boomed throughout the night but their shells failed to shoot down a single UFO. The U.S. Air Force quickly informed the nervous Russians that no American aircraft had been flying near the Kuril Islands. Radio-Moscow broadcast the American communiqué to subdue spreading rumors about an impending invasion by the United States.

In the spring of 1959 hundreds of flying saucers and UFO's were sighted for twenty-four hours over the town of Sverdolock, which was the headquarters for the Russian Tactical Missile Command. Thousands of people saw these strange sky visitors and both the military and civilian population were alarmed by the swarms of UFO's. One Russian Air Force pilot fired upon a glowing green fireball encountered during a flight over Sverdolock, but the object evaded the rockets fired from the MIG fighter plane.

In August, 1961, a small mail plane with four passengers disappeared during a routine flight over central Russia. The airplane was found intact two days later, sitting quietly in a grassy meadow near Tobelek, Siberia.

The engine, landing gear, cabin, mailbags, and radio were in perfect order and investigators could not pinpoint any form of mechanical malfunction. The fuel tanks contained plenty of gasoline.

The pilot and four passengers had vanished! About one hundred feet from the site of the lost plane there was an indented circle, thirty feet in diameter, where the earth was depressed and the grass had been burned and scorched.

"Nyct!" snapped the chief investigator when someone men-

tioned the possibility that a flying saucer had forced the plane from the sky. A lengthy search was launched but no trace of the pilot or passengers was found and they remain missing to this date.

Shortly before the mail plane mystery a saucer-shaped disk was reported to have landed near Irtukak, Russia. The disk and two alien beings were photographed by a local doctor whose film was quickly confiscated by the KGB, the Communist secret police.

One unique factor concerning UFO's behind the iron curtain has been the hysterical reaction of the Communist governments in Russia and the satellite countries. The Reds have gone to amazing lengths to prove flying saucers do not exist.

In 1954 the Communist puppet governments of Hungary and Rumania blasted the United States for creating a "flying-saucer psychosis" plot in their countries. Several Hungarian scientists called hasty press conferences and announced "flying saucers do not exist."

"All flying saucer reports are invented by the agents of the American warmongers," said one scientist. The *Red Star*, of official newspaper for the Soviet Army, agreed that UFO's were nothing more than "imperialist propaganda." People who saw flying saucers in the United States were considered mentally unbalanced; their Russian counterparts were tagged as "warmongers," or treasonous "agents of imperialism."

Despite the official pronouncements and propaganda, saucers were still seen over the skies of Mother Russia and her puppet countries. Yet not one sighting was ever published in the government-controlled newspapers in the Communist countries.

There are no civilian UFO organizations behind the iron curtain so Russian citizens depended on rumors and mouth-to-mouth reports to keep informed on UFO's. As the stories passed from person to person they were embellished and exaggerated.

In April, 1955, hundreds of saucer sightings occurred and the people knew they were seeing more than the figments of American propaganda.

Radio-Moscow cancelled scheduled 1955 May Day celebration programs and went on the air with several members of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. "Flying saucers do not exist," they said. The people sneered.

In 1958, after the satellite *Sputnik* was launched, Soviet scientists began to speculate about the origin of flying saucers.

A professor connected with the Soviet space program, speaking unofficially, said, "those cosmic ships come from the planet Venus." He based this theory on the relationship of Venus to the earth during the times of heavy sightings.

The Russian Academy of Space Research later said that saucers "are not the product of people's imagination or aerial images. Ninety percent are actual solid objects from the planet Venus." The scientists did not elaborate on the remaining 10 percent.

In 1960 several outspoken Soviet scientists announced they had received outer-space radio signals which indicated the possibility of a very advanced civilization around CTA-21 and CTA-102, located in the Pegasus and Aries constellations. Western scientists confirmed these signals and reported they had also heard them.

In *The Astronomical Journal*, a publication of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, further disclosures were announced in 1964 by the respected astronomer Dr. N. S. Kardashev. He said the signals were received on the nine-hundred-megacycle band, which is considered the best point for long-range signals. There was a regular on-and-off pattern to the signals.

Although the Russian scientific community adopted a more liberal attitude toward flying saucers, the government publications continued to ridicule sighters.

"Citizens of the Soviet Union who report watching these flying saucers are either feeble-minded or deliberate liars," commented *Pravda* on January 9, 1961.

The *Pravda* statement followed rumors about contact with alien beings. A woman parachutist had jumped from a plane at eight thousand feet altitude and the pilot of the aircraft reported watching her float to earth when the woman and the parachute suddenly disappeared.

The shapely parachutist reappeared three days later and said she had been captured in midair by a flying saucer. "There were three little men aboard the craft and they treated me quite well," she said. "They took me out into space for a long distance and let me view the earth from there."

The space beings had given her a message for Russian authorities and she delivered an envelope to the chief of police, at Saratov, Russia. Contents of the envelope were never announced.

Thousands of residents of the Russian city of Veronezh were frightened in May, 1961, when a giant, cigar-shaped

craft about eight hundred feet long hovered over the community at an altitude of two thousand feet.

MIG jet fighters were scrambled from a nearby fighter base and the giant spacecraft turned transparent and became invisible. Baffled Soviet Air Force pilots searched for the object and then returned to their base.

"When the jets departed, the monster reappeared over the city," an eyewitness recounted. Later "it raced straight up into the sky and vanished at a speed estimated at ten thousand miles an hour."

Russian diplomats, trade mission personnel, and Western tourists who travel in the Communist countries are frequently sources of information on UFO activity behind the iron curtain.

In Paris, in 1965, a Russian Air Force attaché told an interesting, although unauthenticated, story of UFO hostility toward the USSR armaments industry.

"We had a factory in our country making heavy military tanks and artillery cannons," said the Russian. "*Bludzas* (flying saucers) were sighted over the factory for several weeks during the spring of 1962.

"One morning, about dawn, a tremendous explosion destroyed the plant. The crew of a passing locomotive said they saw a glowing UFO in the sky over the plant and a giant, speeding fireball left the UFO and smashed into the plant," said the Russian. "Several other witnesses also saw the same object, and their accounts corroborated the train crew's story."

"The UFO hovered over the smoking factory for several minutes and disappeared with a sudden burst of speed as jet fighters approached," the Russian related. A strange footnote to the explosion story was that the factory alarm system had been triggered twenty minutes before the blast and every worker had left the premises and entered shelters.

"Investigators never did determine who set off the sirens," concluded the Russian.

In the summer of 1965 residents of Alma-Ata, capital of the Kazakstan region, witnessed hundreds of flying-saucer flights over a period of several months. The Soviet government-controlled newspapers did not mention these sightings and the population depended on rumors and speculation concerning the origin of the UFO's.

Peasants and factory workers neglected their jobs and spent long hours in taverns, discussing the phenomenon over man-

ned glasses of vodka or potato wine. Rumors of an invasion from outer space and reports of people who were being kidnapped by ugly space aliens fanned their fear of the unknown.

"The end of the world is near," shouted an old man, encouraging the population to attend church. "The angels have warned us."

Anti-church Communist officials stood by helplessly as thousands of people returned to the church in a fervent religious revival. Mothers hastened to have their children baptized and Bibles returned to an honored position on the family table.

"The Communist leaders were in a difficult position," said a Russian expert. "They had to take measures to stop the growing rebellion against the regime."

Hundreds of high-level Communist leaders left their comfortable offices in Moscow and fanned out over the countryside, holding public meetings and answering questions about flying saucers. Booklets were published that supposedly explained flying saucers in simplified language. Gradually, as the sightings diminished, the population settled down and forgot their fears.

During the Kazakstan flap Dr. Mitrovan Zverev was quoted, "There are unknown objects which we do not understand which are moving freely around the earth."

Dr. Zverev was on special assignment at the Chilean Observatory Serro Calam. The director of that observatory stated in *La Tercera de la Hora*, a Chilean newspaper, "that we have scientific proof that mysterious objects are visiting our planet and we are not alone in this world."

Essentially the Russian regime's reaction to flying saucers has been similar to the techniques utilized by the American government. Both governments have employed skilled propagandists to proclaim that flying saucers do not exist as government research hopes to determine exactly what flying saucers are, where they originate, and what they are looking for on our planet.

The Farmer Who Talked With Saucer Pilots

On the morning of April 24, 1964, Gary Wilcox, a twenty-eight-year-old farmer from Newark Valley, New York, was spreading manure on an open field on his three-hundred-acre farm. Shortly before ten o'clock Wilcox decided to rest from his chores by inspecting a V-shaped field, surrounded by woods, on another part of the farm. "I wanted to see if the ground was ready for plowing," he explained.

As the young farmer approached the field, which lies about a mile from his dairy barn, he noticed a shiny object on the ground. From a distance Wilcox assumed it was an old refrigerator that had been discarded near the field, but as he drew closer to the object he decided it might be the wing tank, or some other part of an airplane, that could have fallen in the field.

Closer inspection revealed the object was a saucer-shaped craft, approximately twenty feet long and fifteen feet wide, with the sound of an "idling motor." The curious farmer touched the craft and felt no heat. "I couldn't see any doors or escape hatches but two humanlike men suddenly appeared," Wilcox told newsmen.

The saucer pilots were about four feet tall, wore tight-fitting clothing that appeared to have no seams, and had on helmets with full-face hoods. "I could not tell anything about their faces because of the hoods," the young farmer reported. "They had arms and legs but were dressed so that I couldn't say about feet and toes."

Wilcox's first reaction was that someone had devised an elaborate practical joke to play on him. One of the saucer pilots was standing about five feet from him and the other was farther away, closer to the spacecraft.

"Do not be alarmed. We have talked with people before," one pilot said. He spoke in flawless English. "We are from what you people refer to as the planet Mars." Wilcox explained the voices appeared to come from their bodies rather than from their helmeted, hooded faces.

"They were interested in organic material, such as fertilizer, and expressed interest in why I had been spreading manure on the field," Wilcox related.

The "Martians" explained that food on their planet is grown in the atmosphere but expected changes in the universe would create problems. "We are visiting Earth to gain information about organic materials," the pilots said.

Wilcox related that they knew very little about organic materials and asked questions like those from a child. Each pilot carried a small tray which was filled with soil, which they said had been taken from the Wilcox farm.

As their conversation continued, Wilcox was given information about the ship and the method of propulsion. "But I had difficulty in understanding them," he admitted. "They said they could only travel to Earth every two years and this was their scheduled trip to the Western Hemisphere."

With the exception of emergencies, the Martians explained their ships landed only during daylight hours when the crafts were less visible. "We are surprised that you can see the ship," one pilot stated.

During the conversation the Martians said astronauts from Earth would not be successful in space travel. "Humans traveling in outer space would die after being in space for about a year because your bodies cannot adapt to conditions out there," they related.

The two tiny men asked Wilcox for a sample bag of fertilizer and, as the young farmer headed toward his barn, their ship took off. There was no loud noise or exhaust. "The ship just raised up and disappeared within seconds," Wilcox stated.

Wilcox returned to the barn, carried a sack of fertilizer back to the spot where the spacecraft had landed, and left it there. The fertilizer was gone when he returned the following morning.

After deliberations the handsome young farmer reported the incident to the Tioga County Sheriff's Office. The sheriff notified the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Wilcox was later besieged by newsmen, law officials, and "representatives from a government agency." Officials of the IBM Space Guidance Center in nearby Oswego, New York, also interviewed the farmer.

Scores of curious, sensation-seeking people began to show up at his farm. One man claimed to be a saucer-seer and told Wilcox that he had hitchhiked from Massachusetts to urge the farmer to join a saucer fan group.

Other space and UFO fans urged Wilcox to join their organizations or give lectures on his experience. Wilcox steered

clear of these affiliations and said, "I only want to mind my own business."

Gary Wilcox is considered by his neighbors to be a reliable, hard-working young man. Besides his dairy farm, he owns a farm near Oswego where he grows grain and works during the afternoon as a school janitor.

After the excitement of the story spread through the Tioga County countryside, scores of rumors displaced the truth. Wilcox was in a New York hospital for radiation burns, he was going bankrupt because nothing would grow on his land, his land was under guard for government study, and other equally fantastic tales.

Wilcox is not bothered by the rumors. "I know what I saw. We talked for two hours and we were even joking at times," he said. "I just don't worry about it. I've got nothing to hide and if I saw another one today I would report it."

Wilcox's brother, Floyd, agrees with him. "If Gary said it happened, it happened. He has nothing to gain and a lot to lose by telling the story. I know it is true."

As Gary Wilcox's experience points out, we must maintain an open mind on all aspects of the flying-saucer enigma.

Australia's Amazing Saucer Sightings

Dennis Crowe, forty-four, a Sydney, Australia, businessman, encountered an eerie visitor during the evening of July 19, 1965. Crowe saw a green, glowing disk which landed near his home on Vaucluse Beach.

"I had just come home and went to the letter box to check the mail," Crowe told newsmen and police officials. "It had just stopped raining and I decided to walk and get a breath of fresh air."

His walk had barely started when Crowe noticed a glowing green light on the beach. The Australian thought a boat might have gone aground and hurried to investigate the matter.

"About fifty feet from the light I suddenly realized the glow was coming from a big disk sitting there. It was about twenty feet across and nine feet tall," said Crowe, who was an artist for aircraft manufacturers before he left Britain for Australia in 1959.

"It was sitting on three legs, and the rim glowed greenish-blue. The top and bottom halves were a dull silvery-gray," Crowe reported.

"There was no sign of anyone around the vehicle and I could not see doors or portholes. As I approached the disk took off and an orange-yellow glow came from beneath it. The disk picked up speed quickly and disappeared into the clouds," he said.

After he returned home Crowe sketched the mysterious beach visitor and his drawing was published in an Australian newspaper.

The day previous to Crowe's beach sighting, Australia was plunged into a flying-saucer mystery when "a thing" hovered over the Canberra, Australia, airport. Baffled expert observers, seven members of the airport traffic-control-tower crew, watched the object for forty minutes as it hovered at five thousand feet.

Air Control Officer T. Lindsay spotted the UFO at about 10:50 A.M. "I've been in this job two and a half years and I've never seen anything like it," said Lindsay. "My first impression was a large yellow luminous balloon. Like the moon but much smaller."

The officer in charge of civil aviation, Mr. A. B. Lindeman, was also in the airport control tower. He said the object appeared to be a circular light without any beam. Paul Todd of the Meteorological Bureau reported "the light looked like a steel disk revolving so that it caught the sunlight. Then when it lost the sunlight it would disappear completely."

Tony Frodsham, air controller, watched the UFO with binoculars. "In color it appeared to be a metallic object glinting in the sunlight," Frodsham related to newsmen.

The UFO was also seen by hundreds of Canberra residents, who jammed the airport switchboard with curious inquiries. Scientists at nearby Mount Stromlo Observatory saw but could not identify the strange airport visitor.

Some experts and scientists were puzzled by the timing of the object's appearance. "I don't believe it was a coincidence," said a baffled staff member at Tidninhilla tracking station. The UFO appeared shortly before the tracking station was scheduled to receive signals from the U.S. Mariner picture-taking probe of the planet Mars. The station had unusual difficulty in locking in on signals broadcast back to earth by Mariner.

The mysterious object created havoc at nearby Golstone tracking station. Instruments at the station recorded strange irregularities in messages from the Mariner flight.

"It was as if the thing was there to prevent us from receiving signals," said one scientist, who admitted to newsmen he would sleep better if the "thing" was identified.

On October 28, 1962, the little men returned again when Mrs. E. D. Sylvester and her three children saw a flying saucer land in a field in Norwood, a suburb of Adelaide, Australia.

The *Hobart Mercury* of Hobart, Tasmania, reported Mrs. Sylvester, a high-school teacher, and her three children, ages six, eight, and ten, were driving on a highway at 7:30 P.M. A glowing object flew across the road ahead of their car and landed in a field near the highway.

Mrs. Sylvester parked her car and led her children into the field to investigate the strange object. They saw an oval, elongated object on the ground. It emitted an orangeish glow.

"There was a tiny, manlike creature near the craft," Mrs. Sylvester told newsmen. "He was dressed in a shiny, skin-tight suit. He wore a glass globe that appeared to be some sort of helmet." This globe was connected by hoses to an apparatus on the creature's back.

The alien being collected plants and weeds and carefully dried his botanical cuttings in a shiny box. "We watched almost an hour and then he entered the saucer and it left," said Mrs. Sylvester. The woman and her children were too frightened to attempt any communication with the little creature.

Mrs. Sylvester reported the incident to Australian authorities, who clamped a censorship lid on the story. It was five months later before a news leak alerted newspaper editors. Newspapers reported Mrs. Sylvester has an excellent reputation in her community and with the school system where she is employed.

An equally fantastic sighting was reported by G. Pedley, a twenty-seven-year-old farmer in North Queensland, Australia. On February 2, 1966, Pedley was driving his tractor home from a neighbor's farm when he detoured through a field. Approaching a reedy area, Pedley heard a sharp hissing sound buzzing loudly over the noise of his tractor engine.

A blue-gray saucer rose vertically from the field, hovered momentarily at sixty feet, and sped away. The startled farmer said the ship was nine feet in height, twenty-five feet in diameter.

Later he discovered a "nest" where the saucer had landed. Seeds were flattened in a thirty-foot circle. Four other "nests," showing regular use, were found nearby.

Hundreds of North Queensland residents flocked to the Horseshoe Lagoon area in Tully District to see the saucer hideout in North Queensland. A team of RAAF investigators inspected the site but a report has not been released.

Weird Ride in a Flying Saucer

"NICAP feels that Mr. Padrick is telling the truth when he said he saw a spacecraft land, that he was invited aboard, that he went for a short ride and conversed for two hours with the commander of the craft," said the *NICAP Reporter* in their assessment of Sid Padrick's claim to have ridden on a buzzing, saucer-shaped spacecraft. The publication is printed monthly by The National Investigations Commissions on Aerial Phenomena, Seattle.

Sid Padrick, a forty-seven-year-old Watsonville, California, television repairman claimed his adventure occurred on January 30, 1964, when he was taking his usual late night walk along Manresa Beach, California. About two thousand feet from his home Padrick heard an unusual "buzzing noise" overhead. He told newsmen and officials that he glimpsed the form of a "saucer-shaped" craft in the night sky. The saucer landed on the beach and the startled Californian was assured by a voice over an intercom or public-address system that "our crew is not hostile and we mean no harm."

A man named "Ziena," apparently the commander of the craft, invited Padrick to board the craft. When Padrick hesitated, he was again assured that the alien crew had peaceful intentions. "I entered the craft from ground level through a wide, square doorway," Padrick said.

The ship consisted of two, and possibly three, levels and there were fourteen rooms or compartments. "The crew was dressed in blue-white suits and the color of their garments matched the light inside the saucer," Padrick related. "The lighting was indirect and seemed to come from the walls."

The crew members were of normal appearance, weight, and height. The only abnormality was their hair. "It appeared as if it had never been cut although it was at a normal length," explained Padrick to newsmen.

"Ziena spoke English and reported the crew could speak any earth language between them. Ziena said he was the only crew member who could speak English," said Padrick. "When the crew communicated between themselves it appeared they did so through facial and hand gestures."

Padrick provided only limited information concerning the

home planet of the craft and the means of propulsion. "I inquired whether any other person, with more scientific or technological knowledge, could have gained more information," he said. "The answer was No."

"Ziena told me where they were from but it was in terms I did not understand," continued Padrick, who admitted his knowledge of space and the universe was sketchy. "He said it was a world a long distance . . . a long way . . . from Earth and I wouldn't be certain their world was in our solar system."

"Ziena said they had visited Earth before and they planned to come again," Padrick said. "He did say that the ship's method of propulsion was through energy transference through a light source known only to them. I did not know what he was talking about. I was frightened—very much so—during most of the time."

The saucer supposedly spent most of the two-hour interval on a hilltop only a few minutes' ride from Padrick's home. The commander of the craft allowed Padrick outside the vessel for a few moments but the contactee was unable to sight a landmark in the darkness. Not knowing the rate of speed of the craft, it is possible the landing site was near Padrick's home or it could have been a thousand miles away.

During his visit aboard the craft, Sid Padrick was shown a glasslike plate that picked up the image of a navigational craft somewhere far above the earth. The device operated like a television screen.

Sid Padrick refused to divulge a complete description of the ship to newsmen. He did say the ship was approximately fifty feet long and thirty feet high. "The Air Force asked me not to discuss the craft in detail," Padrick stated. Major D. R. Reeder from Hamilton Air Force Base received a report of the strange adventure and forwarded the data to Project Blue Book, the UFO investigation center in Ohio.

"The commander of the spacecraft said their visit was for purely exploratory purposes. I think it was more than that, truthfully," Padrick related. "There was a religious facet which I was unable to decipher."

Padrick's report was among others from the same region concerning unusual UFO activity. Santa Clara County forest rangers sighted a "saucerlike" thing on December 28, 1964, and several other sightings were investigated by military and civilian researchers.

NICAP's acceptance of Padrick's claims were based on "a

definite line separating what actually took place and his personal opinions pertaining to the experience," reported Robert J. Gribble, indefatigable national director of the Seattle-based organization.

West Virginia's Mothman Monster

"I am a hard guy to scare but I was all for getting out of there," admitted Roger Scarberry, who told skeptical newsmen about the sighting of a strange creature by two Point Pleasant, West Virginia, couples on the night of November 16, 1966.

Mr. Scarberry, his wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Mallette informed authorities that they were driving in the vicinity of the McClintic Wildlife Reserve, near Point Pleasant, when their strange sighting occurred. "We were approaching an abandoned power plant in that area when the 'thing' showed up in the car's headlights," Scarberry stated.

The creature was described as a "bird, about six feet tall, gray-colored, with two-inch eyes that glowed in the night with a fierce reddish color." The creature was described as a clumsy runner but later followed their car, flying at speeds up to one hundred miles per hour.

"I wouldn't have said anything about it except there were four of us who saw it," Scarberry related. He said the "bird" flew above their car until they reached a highway junction "when it disappeared." The two couples proceeded into Point Pleasant, then turned their car around and returned to the city limits where they spotted the creature again. "It scurried into a field and vanished," said Mallette.

Their story was investigated by Deputy Sheriff Millard Holstead. "None of the four had been drinking so you cannot discount their story," he commented. The couples offered to take a lie-detector test.

About ninety minutes before the Point Pleasant sighting Newell Patridge was watching television in his home near Salem, in Doddridge County, West Virginia. "My television set began acting up and sounding like a generator," Patridge told newsmen. "At the same time my German shepherd, Bandit, started carrying on something terrible."

The dog howled for several minutes and Patridge finally opened his door and beamed a flashlight into a field near his home. The dog's hair stood up on end as the startled Patridge glimpsed a "thing with eyes glowing like red reflectors" in the meadow. Barking and growling at the alien creature,

Bandit dashed toward the form. The dog never returned and no trace of it was ever found.

Several other residents of the region reported sighting the creature in the days and nights that followed and many residents of the region left their homes with a shotgun cradled in their arms. There were several reports of television sets "acting up" and UFOlogists who flocked to the region pointed out the similarity to saucer sightings where television receivers are "bugged" by some unknown force.

After two weeks of intense curiosity Dr. Robert L. Smith of West Virginia University announced that the "Mothman," as it had been dubbed by newspapers, was probably a sandhill crane. However, the professor did not explain how giant cranes could fly at one hundred miles per hour or destroy an angry dog and not leave a shred of hair.

During the same month another West Virginian claimed to have encountered a "spaceman." For several weeks there had been sightings of UFO's in the area of State Highway 12 and Interstate 7 near Cedar Grove, West Virginia. On the night of November 2, 1966, a fifty-year-old salesman from Mineralwells reported a dark UFO sped over his truck, landed in front of the vehicle, and forced his vehicle to a stop.

"A man wearing dark garments got out of the ship and told me through mental telepathy that he would not harm me," said Woodrow Derenberger. After the "dark man" left the spacecraft, Derenberger claimed the craft elevated and became invisible.

"The man pointed to the lights of Parkersburg in the distance and inquired as to what they were. He asked if people lived there," Derenberger related. "Informed it was a community, the man said a city on his planet was called a 'gathering.'"

"What's your name?" the spaceman inquired.

"Woodrow Derenberger," the West Virginian replied.

"My name is Cold," said the man in black.

The ship lowered itself to the highway and a door opened in the side "like a car door," said Derenberger. "The man I talked to entered the ship and someone else reached out and closed the door. Then the object disappeared."

Things That Go Boom in the Night

"It was a brilliant ball of fire, so big that I thought an atomic bomb was exploding," stated Roman Pinowar, as assistant principal at Chestermere Lake High School in Alberta, Canada. Mr. Pinowar's description of the gigantic, exploding fireball was similar to statements from hundreds of other witnesses. No government or private investigating group has yet offered an explanation for the fiery aerial visitor that spread terror in the northwest United States and southwest Canada on the night of March 31, 1965.

Mrs. Pinowar was looking out the window of their home at 10:30 p.m. when the object appeared as a fine streak of light in the night sky. "She called me to the window and I watched the streak of light turn into a broad path of flames," said Mr. Pinowar. "The flames spread across the horizon and lit up the house as if it was high noon. Then the flaming object disappeared behind some clouds."

Residents of Chase, British Columbia, were not so lucky. "I thought the world was coming to an end," admitted Earl Peterson, who was visiting in the lumber town. "The fireball came over and it was as if the town was bathed in the light of a giant celestial flashbulb. This was followed by the most frightening roar I have ever heard."

Eyewitnesses in the tiny community clocked the fireball roaring through the sky at a speed estimated to be "at least as fast as a jet airplane and perhaps faster." Frightened by the daylight flash of illumination in their homes, residents dashed into the streets and were greeted by the loud, explosive noise and the choking smell of sulphur. Dogs whined, children cried, buildings shook, and trees trembled as the deafening roar blanketed the town.

The Chase police station was flooded with calls from hysterical women. "An atomic war has started," wailed a weeping woman. Police officials and civilians followed the sulphurous fumes to two spots in the community and discovered the fireball had ignited fires in the lumber piles.

At Anglemont, British Columbia, the fireball sped across the sky and "when the noise came it was like a tremendous

suction," related Cecil Myers. "It was just like an earthquake."

"The earth shook, houses were shaken, and when I ran outside the ground was actually trembling," said Carl Mueller. "The noise was just like a dynamite explosion and it seemed to create a suction that took our breath away. There was also a strong odor of sulphur."

At Revelstroke, British Columbia, a resident declared "the roar of the fireball or whatever it was lasted for about fifteen minutes. It was like the sound of dynamite."

Eyewitness reports indicated the flaming UFO originated somewhere in the frozen forests of northern Canada and ended the eerie journey somewhere in the desolate desert of southern Utah. The booming fireball glowed with unusual intensity and there were frequent trails of sulphurous fumes following the booming noise.

Passengers and pilots of several scheduled airliners flying over the region announced that the interior of their planes were "illuminated as if the sun had suddenly risen." Strangely these airborne sighters failed to mention a roar or boom following the passage of the giant fireball.

An even more mysterious incident at Burke, Idaho, indicated the eerie UFO was capable of unleashing tremendous power in some mysterious manner. The object passed over the tiny community near the Montana border "with an awful blinding light and a tremendous booming sound," as one resident expressed it.

The following morning an investigation revealed that the trees in a forest near the town were snapped and twisted, as if a giant had smashed them in uncontrolled frenzy. "I've never seen anything like it in my life," admitted one law official. "Some trees were over a foot in diameter and this 'thing' snapped them right over. Some people up there believe the booming noise did it. I don't know. I hope whatever or whoever did it is friendly."

Newsmen Joe Rattick and Glover Allen, from radio station KWAJ, in nearby Wallace, Idaho, also visited the hillside slopes above the town of Burke and reported on the phenomena to their listeners in northern Idaho.

Government agencies have shown little interest in equally baffling reports on things that go boom in the night. A month after the above incident a speeding fireball was sighted over the Marshall Islands in the North Pacific Ocean. Crewmen of the *Miyo Mura*, a Japanese fishing boat out of Niigata, saw a

fireball which was followed by a tremendous explosive sound on the night of April 6, 1965. "It was like thunder, only louder," a crew member told Tokyo newsmen.

On March 27, 1966, a glowing blue object streaked across western North Carolina and exploded over the community of Valdese. Several police officers noticed the gigantic, flash-bulblike explosion. Officer Melvin Barlowe of the Newton, North Carolina, Police Department said the object looked like "a blue bolt of fire with fire arcing off the edges" when it passed over Catawba County. Two farmers near the community reported the object passed over their farms with a "loud, giant boom." Civilian and police investigators were unable to locate fragments of the UFO after the explosion.

On January 16, 1961, a booming ball of fire that changed colors from a bright to a dark reddish intensity appeared off the coast of Ijmuiden, Holland. This UFO was seen by both military and civilian sighters. One observer said it was "an enormously big ball and it sounded like thunder."

Even veteran UFO researchers are puzzled by these mysterious booming fireballs. The sonic boom that occurs when a flying object passes through the sound barrier might explain a portion of the rumbling except, as in the case of the United States-Canadian fireball, the noise lasted for "up to fifteen minutes," according to reputable observers.

We can only hope, as does the Idaho lawman, that this awesome power is held by a "friendly" intelligence.

Brother John's Medieval Saucer

It was an early afternoon in October, A.D. 1250, and the monks at Byland Abbey in Yorkshire, England, prepared to celebrate the feast of St. Simon and St. Jude. Henry the Abbot had previously discovered that Brother Wilfred had hidden two fat sheep on the abbey grounds. The abbot confiscated the sheep from Wilfred and their succulent carcasses were now roasting over a roaring fire in the dining hall.

The brothers were in a jovial mood. "I wish thee would till the fields as willingly as thee watch the mutton," one said to an eager friend.

"Black bread and cheese does not compare with mutton," answered his companion.

As the brothers assembled for their evening meal, they heard a noise at the doorway. Brother John stood in the entranceway with a terror-stricken look on his face.

"What has happened, Brother John?" inquired the abbot.

"I was walking toward the abbey from the fields and thinking about the roast mutton dinner. A strange noise overhead scared me. I looked into the sky. A large silver plate is up there in the clouds."

The monks forgot their dinners and dashed into the yard.

"There it is," shouted Peter.

"Mother of God!" said a brother.

Henry the Abbot and Brother John stepped from the dining room. A giant flying disk hovered in the sky and drifted slowly in the clouds. The monks were panic-stricken. They fell to their knees with shouts of "Judgement Day" and "'tis the end of the world" punctuating their frantic prayers.

The shaken monks turned to Henry the Abbot for clarification. "What does the appearance of this thing mean?" they inquired.

"Wilfred is an adulterer and must be punished," snapped the abbot.

This case history was taken from an old manuscript scroll that was discovered several years ago in Ampleforth Abbey in England. The ancient script was not complete but the object was described as "*res grandis, circumcircularis aregentea,*

disco quodam haud dissimilis," or "a large round silver thing like a disk flew slowly" over the abbey.

The Byland Abbey saucer is one of many sightings of UFO's over Europe in ancient and medieval times. Celestial objects over France were observed by the Roman Legions. Pliny, in Book II of his *Natural History*, mentions the clanging of armor and the blasts of trumpeteers in the skies during the wars with Cimbri in 113-101 B.C. Julius Obsequens, in *Prodigiorum Libellus* reported that in 102 B.C. a Roman camp in France was illuminated by a bright light shining down from the skies.

Burning shields were also mentioned in ancient literature. When the Saxons surrounded the Franks in their castle fortress at Sigiburg in A.D. 776, the beleaguered Franks prayed for help. Two flaming shields appeared in the heavens and routed the Saxons with fire and smoke. Pliny also mentions the strange shields in *Natural History*, Volume 11, Chapter XXXIV. "In the consulship of Lucius Valerius and Gaius Valerius (about 100 B.C.) a burning shield scattering sparks ran across the sky at sunset from east to west."

During the ninth and tenth centuries many intelligent leaders of the Middle Ages wrote savage diatribes against "aerial demons." Argobard, archbishop of Lyons, condemned his parishioners' belief in ships "from the clouds." Writing in "*Liber contra insulam vilgi opinionem,*" in 840, Argobard said peasants around Lyons believed in "ships from the clouds" from a region called Magonia.

The archbishop also recorded:

A certain assembly exhibited several people as captives (i.e., from the space or cloud ships). Three men and one woman as if they had fallen from the ships themselves. They had been detained for some days in chains, then finally put on show to the mob, and as I have said, in our presence they were stoned to death. . . .

Apparently the citizen of the Middle Ages reacted to suspected space visitors as we do today.

It is interesting to note that Archbishop Argobard was not surprised at the three men and woman from the spaceships as he made no effort to save the "demons" from their death by stone.

Gervase of Tilbury wrote about an aerial craft over a city near Bristol in A.D. 1207 in *Otto Imperialia*, Book I, Chapter

XIII. The craft caught an anchor in a church steeple and an occupant of the ship scampered down a ladder to free the device. The man was stoned by a crowd and asphyxiated by the earth's atmosphere. The "demon's body" was said to have been burned.

There are legends and myths throughout most of Europe concerning peasants selling grain to people from the skies. The church and science condemned witchcraft and black magic so these mythical transactions would have transpired in secrecy.

From these and many other incidents recorded through the Middle Ages, we might surmise that flying saucers and their pilots have been around for longer than we may suspect.

Saucers That Spy on Our Space Program

"Five . . . four . . . three . . . two . . . one. *Lift-Off!*"

As the space-age countdown ended, powerful rocket motors flared to life and the flaming missile soared skyward from the NASA launching pad at Cape Kennedy (formerly Canaveral).

America's space scientists were jubilant as the rocket climbed swiftly into the Florida sky.

"She's a beautiful bird," cried one official. "One of our best shots."

Inside the tracking stations technicians scanned their screens as sophisticated radar equipment followed the missile flight.

The technicians were snapped to startled attention when a radar man shouted, "I've got a bogie on this screen. It is running beside the bird!"

A section chief dashed to the screen. Three objects were now on the tube. "Good lord! They're back again," he snapped.

The section chief and technicians watched incredulously as two UFO's moved in close on the path of the missile and acted as escorts for the "bird."

As the missile moved through the sky, the UFO's spiraled around the path of the "bird" and still maintained the same speed as the soaring rocket.

Moments later the UFO's disappeared with a sudden burst of acceleration and the peculiar "bogie blips" left the NASA radar screens.

"They left the bird as if she was standing still," gasped an astonished radar man. "What kind of rocket has that much power?"

"Nothing we're putting up," admitted an official sadly.

The untold story of America's race for space has been the suppressed accounts of flying saucers and their strange attraction for NASA launchings and UFO surveillance of missile-tracking stations. The personnel in our space program are rightfully prohibited from discussing their "top secret" work

by government security laws. Despite official "zip your lip" admonishments, some incredible stories have filtered out from behind the heavily guarded gates of our space bases.

"We have our problems with flying saucers, UFO's, bogies, or whatever you wish to call them," admitted one NASA official, who must remain anonymous.

Typical of these contacts with flying saucers was an incident on January 10, 1961, when a giant Polaris missile was launched from Cape Kennedy. The automatic radar-tracking equipment on the ground was "locked in" on the rapidly rising missile. It would be just another routine space shot until a mysterious bogie blip appeared on the radar screen.

"We're leaving the bird and following the bogie," shouted a technician as the tracking equipment switched to the mysterious visitor.

"The missile has left the screen," was the explanation given to anxious top brass when they dashed into the radar complex.

The assembled officials watched with astonished disbelief as the harassed radar personnel tried desperately to recover contact with the missing missile. Important parts of the sophisticated tracking equipment were checked and rechecked to verify it was working properly.

Momentarily their bag of electronic tricks had been emptied. "Our equipment is working perfectly," admitted a perspiring supervisor. "The bogie must be of tremendous size to override the lock-in device."

The official log of the launching disclosed the unwanted visitor stayed on the screen for fourteen minutes and disappeared. Shortly afterward steady blip patterns indicated the Polaris had returned.

UFOlogists believe the strange craft was a large flying saucer. Still unanswered is what happened to the missing Polaris missile while it was off the screen? Is it possible that one of our rockets was investigated by flying saucers during those fourteen minutes?

The NASA tracking station at Wallops Island, Virginia, has been visited by UFO's on several occasions. In October, 1964, several technicians and a NASA engineer observed a triangle-shaped object as it sped over the base, executed a sharp 90-degree turn, and then disappeared over the horizon.

"The device was traveling too fast to be an airplane," said

one witness. "Besides, an airplane as we know them today cannot execute an abrupt change of direction."

Dempsey Burton, chief of the Wallops Island base, was the first NASA official to see a strange object in the sky. On January 5, 1965, Burton was standing near his home and searching the skies for an artificial satellite.

A flying object appeared on the southeast horizon, moving at fantastic speed. The UFO glowed with a brilliant yellow-orange intensity and other residents witnessed the amazing sight. "I was a skeptic before but there really is something up there," said one observer.

This same NASA tracking station was visited a third time by a glowing UFO that acted in a hostile manner. Similar to the glowing object seen by Dempsey Burton, this UFO shot down out of the sky on January 12, 1965, and darted directly toward a NASA public-relations staff member and her husband. The two sighters ran from the speeding object and escaped serious injury.

While flying saucers have shown a marked interest in NASA tracking stations and other military bases, they have also paid very close attention to our spacecraft in the skies. When American or Russian astronauts have been rocketed into outer space, some really incredible things have happened.

The Gemini program has been plagued with strange UFO's. The Gemini-1 carried scientific instruments to determine if manned flights into outer space would be safe. The craft was launched from Cape Kennedy on April 8, 1964, and all systems were "go" as information was beamed down to NASA scientists.

As the Gemini-1 started its second orbit, four flying saucers surrounded the craft and incredulous ground crews throughout the world charted their course. After observing the Gemini for a complete orbit, the visitors moved away and disappeared.

Major Gordon Cooper was orbiting over Perth, Australia, on a manned Gemini flight in May, 1963, when he radioed he was being "closed in by a greenish object" which was moving westward. Man-launched satellites move in the other direction.

During the days and nights when astronauts White and McDivitt were hurling around the earth at an altitude of 150 miles, they traveled one and a half million miles at 17,500 miles per hour. UFOlogists were alerted when McDivitt

photographed an unidentified flying object during the Gemini's twentieth orbit.

The log of the Gemini-4 was published by several of the nation's newspapers and the June 8, 1965, issue of the *Chicago Sun-Times* reported:

"Twentieth Orbit: McDivitt said he spotted an object in space 'with big arms sticking out.' Kraft said McDivitt reported the object appeared to be another satellite. White was asleep at the time."

The official log failed to mention that McDivitt had photographed the UFO with a movie camera; he also snapped a still photo with the Gemini-4 Hasselblad camera. When the capsule returned to earth this film was developed, but NASA officials claimed the mysterious visitor did not appear on the film.

NASA said the flying object seen by McDivitt was the Pegasus-3, a radiation-measuring satellite launched previously from Cape Kennedy. UFOlogists discounted this explanation. "The Pegasus was twelve hundred miles from the Gemini," reported several authoritative astronomers and sky watchers. "It just doesn't check out."

McDivitt reported his sighting was "about twenty miles away and closing fast." The first sighting was over the Hawaiian Islands and both McDivitt and White saw similar objects when they passed over the eastern United States.

The high altitude plane, the X-15, was being piloted by Major Joe Walker on April 30, 1962, near the edge of the earth's atmosphere. Equipped with a rear-view movie camera, Major Walker's X-15 flight photographed a group of saucer-shaped flying objects that tracked his two-thousand-miles-per-hour flight. Major Walker mentioned the formation of spying saucers when he appeared on a national broadcast from Seattle but no further information on the incident has ever been released.

Equally baffling observations in space were made by Major Bob White, the courageous pilot who flew the X-15 to a new world's altitude record of 59.6 miles to become the first man to enter outer space with wings.

The tape-recorded account of Major White's experiences were published in the August 3, 1962, issue of *Life* magazine:

"There are things out there! There absolutely are!" exclaimed Major White as he spotted several mysterious space objects.

"I have no idea what those objects were that I saw up there," said the X-15 pilot. "I noticed a couple of particles first. They were small flaky objects. I thought they might be the residue of the peroxide fuel that the engine burns. Then I looked out the left windshield and saw what looked like a piece of paper about the size of my hand. It was thirty or forty feet away, it was grayish-white, and I looked at it for a full five minutes before it moved away and I lost it. I still don't know what it was."

"Fireflies," "space disks," "snowflakes," and "frost particles" have been observed, reported, and photographed by both Russian and American astronauts. Some UFOlogists believe these words are the code names for UFO's and flying saucers.

Russian cosmonaut Gherman Titov reported "something out there" during his orbit flight. Americans John Glenn, Scott Carpenter, Frank Borman, James Lovell, and other astronauts have reported strange sightings on their orbiting missions.

Professor Hermann Oberth, an internationally noted authority on space and rocket-power flight, has said, "I have examined all of the arguments supporting and denying the existence of flying saucers and it is my conclusion that UFO's do exist, are very real, and are spaceships from another or more than one other solar system.

"They are possibly manned by intelligent observers who are members of a race carrying out long-range scientific investigations of our earth for centuries," concluded Professor Oberth, who worked on the American space program.

The Saucer That Chased a Truck

During the incredible saucer-sighting summer of 1965, excellent reports on flying saucers in every size and description originated throughout the world.

One of the strangest sightings occurred near Abilene, Kansas, on August 4, 1965. Pale and shaken, a forty-four-year-old truck driver from Beatrice, Oklahoma, reported he was buzzed by a flying saucer about twenty-five miles south of Abilene.

Don Tennopir, of Route 1, Beatrice, Oklahoma, told police and newsmen that "something came from behind my truck, buzzed over the top of the cab, and then hovered in the road in front of me.

"I was driving north on Highway 25 about twenty-five miles south of Abilene. I was carrying a full load of peanuts and was en route to Lincoln, Nebraska. I guess it was around one thirty in the morning when all of a sudden the lights on my truck went out. Then they came back on again, then off, then back on.

"About this time this thing, saucer or whatever you want to call it, went over my truck with a sizzling or windlike blowing sound. It scared the hell out of me."

The truck driver said the saucer swooped down over the road and almost touched the cab of his moving truck. It stopped and hovered about one hundred feet in front of the moving vehicle.

"I tell you I was standing on those brakes," Tennopir related. "I didn't know what was happening. It looked as if the saucer would stop right in the middle of the road.

"I got the rig stopped," he continued. The saucer rose slightly and disappeared toward the south. "I don't know how long it was there. It seemed longer than twenty seconds but I was too damned scared to tell time," said Tennopir.

The truck driver described the object as round, "fourteen or fifteen feet in diameter," and colored orange. "This thing was shooting off reddish rays, kind of in spurts. The rays were not steady but kind of flashing," he said.

Patrolman Quenton Kessler said Tennopir described the object as "appearing to be like a saucer."

"I would guess it was two feet thick and the edge was round," said Tennopir. "There was a hump, or something like that, in the middle. This hump stuck up about four feet or more. There was a dark spot in the hump. This might have been a window or something."

Tennopir ended his account, as have many other saucer sighters, with a puzzled "I just don't know what to think about it anymore."

The Flying Saucer Seduction

One of the most incredible stories of contact with aliens from other worlds involved Antonio Villas Boas, a semiliterate farmer who lives in the isolated back country of Brazil.

In the fall of 1957 Antonio was a healthy twenty-three-year-old Brazilian farm youth who stood slightly more than five feet in height. He lived with his parents on their farm near the town of Francisco de Sales in the state of Minas Gerais. Antonio had never heard of flying saucers or UFO's until he became the captive of a flying-saucer crew and the subject of a startling biological experiment.

On the night of October 5, 1957, at approximately 11 P.M., Antonio awoke to discover the yard of his parents' home bathed in a bright light. "It was like the light from a large car headlamp," he said. Antonio awakened his brother, Juan Villas Boas, and they watched the light for several minutes until it disappeared.

In Brazil, and many other parts of the world, farmers often till their fields at night to avoid the searing daytime temperatures. On October 14 Antonio and Juan were plowing during the night when the light returned. "It was big and round and about three hundred feet above the field," said Antonio. "It cast a soft, red glow over the entire field."

Antonio approached the object as it dropped to one edge of the field and hovered. "When I got near the thing it moved with enormous speed and shifted to the other end of the field," he said. Antonio chased the glowing light across the field for several minutes and the incident may qualify him as the first man to play games with an alien spacecraft.

Tiring of the game, the glowing light suddenly disappeared. "It just went out," said Antonio. The two brothers discussed the strange phenomena for several minutes and then returned to their work.

The following night, October 15, Antonio returned alone to the field to complete the plowing. "It was a clear night. The sky was filled with stars and it was warm," said Antonio. "Suddenly one star seemed to move. It grew larger as it moved closer."

The bright light dropped from the sky and took the shape

of a glowing, egg-shaped machine. It hovered at the edge of the plowed field, then flew toward the farmer with tremendous speed. It stopped about thirty feet from the tractor, hovered, and threw a pale red light over the field. "I was scared," admitted the young Brazilian farmer. "I was shocked into absolute paralysis for a minute or two."

The spacecraft landed on the plowed field. It was round, dotted with purple-blue outside lights, and had a large, glowing red "headlamp" on the front. This light possibly prevented Antonio from determining the size and shape of the craft when it was in the air.

The ship was the shape of an elongated egg. There were three metal "arms" or projections in the front and three similar metallic shafts at the rear. On top of the saucerlike ship a whirling "thing" rotated rapidly and glowed red. "The light on top turned green when the ship landed," Antonio said.

Thus far Antonio Villas Boas' description of the machine compared favorably with other sightings. Astronaut McDivitt reported the object he sighted in the Gemini-4 orbit flight had "projections." Barney and Betty Hill, the New England contactee couple, also described "finlike projections, each with a red light on it," protruding from the body of the flying saucer they encountered.

As the craft landed, a metal tripod slid from the belly of the ship and formed a landing gear.

"I recovered from the shock, turned the tractor around, and started toward the house," Antonio related. "I had gone only a few meters when the engine died and the tractor lights went out. I am not able to explain this. The starting key was in and the light switch was on. I tried to start the engine again but could not do so."

Frightened for his life, Antonio leaped from the tractor and dashed across the plowed field.

"I had only gone a short distance when somebody grabbed my arm," the Brazilian said. "He was a little man that just reached my shoulders and he was dressed in strange clothes."

Antonio lashed out violently and knocked the stranger down. "I started to run again but four other small men appeared and grabbed me firmly, lifting me off the ground. All I could do was twist and struggle," said Antonio.

The youth was dragged toward the waiting ship. "I was swearing and fighting for my life," he said.

One interesting point about the struggle was that when Antonio spoke, his words caused the strange little men to stop

and watch him very carefully. "It was as if they were very polite and were waiting for me to finish speaking," said Antonio. However, the aliens never relaxed their grip on the muscular farm youth and, after his screams stopped, they continued to drag him toward the ship.

Nearing the ship, Antonio saw an open door in the middle of the craft. "It dropped down from the top and formed a kind of bridge. There was a metal ladder attached to the end of this door. I was forced up the steps and into the ship," he said.

Antonio was shoved into a small well-lighted room with bright metal walls. He could not see a lamp and decided the light came from an indirect source.

The five little men scrambled into the room and closed the door. "It would be impossible to find the opening after the door closed," Antonio said. "It was as if the door became a part of the wall." He could see where the door had been because the flexible metal ladder was attached to it.

Antonio was led to the center of the ship. "There was a metal bar running right in the middle of this room, which was much larger than the first room," related Antonio.

The metal bar was thick at both ends, narrowed at the middle, and the room walls were of the same highly polished metal. This center room was furnished with several strangely shaped tables and backless swivel chairs which were also made from the same white metal.

Two of the little men grabbed Antonio firmly by each arm. "The others looked me over and talked in grunts, like dogs do," said Antonio.

After grunting for several minutes, the little men stripped the clothes from the young farmer. Antonio's screams caused the little men to stop their efforts.

"They indicated they did not understand me and stared and made motions to indicate they were being polite. At no time did they hurt me badly or even tear my clothing," Antonio said later.

Frightened, the naked youth was sponged down by a crew member. "It wasn't a rubber sponge because it was much softer than those," he said. "The liquid was as clear as water. But it was much thicker, like oil, and was odorless. It wasn't oil because my skin did not get oily."

After bathing their captive, the little men forced the frightened farmer into a chamber that led off the center room. "There was some kind of strange writing on the door and the

letters stuck out about two inches," Antonio recalled. "The door to the room opened when one of the little men pressed something in the center of it. It folded inward."

Inside the room two aliens appeared with two thick rubber pipes, pressed these devices against Antonio's chin, and filled a small glass container with his blood.

"I did not feel any pain or prick when they did this," said the farmer. "It felt like my skin was being sucked in and absorbed."

Four months later a medical examination revealed two spots the size of a quarter on his chin. There also were scars from some superficial lesion caused by bleeding under the skin.

After obtaining the specimens of blood, the two little men left the room.

"The room was empty except for a couch," Antonio said. "It seemed to be some sort of bed, although there were no legs or headboard. There was a rise in the middle, like a hump, and it looked uncomfortable."

Suddenly an odor "like that of burning cloth" permeated the air as gray-colored gas flowed into the room. The young farmer vomited violently and then miraculously adjusted to the nauseous odor.

"After what seemed to be a very long time, a noise at the door made me stand up," Antonio told his interviewers. "I looked toward the door and was given a terrible shock. A woman was walking toward me. I stared openmouthed, for this woman was entirely naked, as naked as I was, and bare-foot too."

Antonio said the girl was perhaps four feet six inches in height. Her hair was blond, nearly white, and it was smooth, quite thin, and parted in the middle. The girl had large blue eyes, elongated rather than round, and they sloped outward as if they were slit.

Her nose was straight and she had high, prominent cheekbones. Under her cheeks her face narrowed and ended in a pointed chin. Her lips were extremely thin, almost invisible.

"Her body was more beautiful than any I have ever seen," Antonio reported. "It was slim and her breasts were well separated and stood up high. Her waist was thin, her belly flat, her hips well developed, and her thighs were large. Her feet were tiny and her hands were long and narrow."

As the door closed behind her, the girl walked silently toward the Brazilian. "She looked as if she wanted something

from me and suddenly hugged me and began to rub her head from side to side against my face. Her body was glued to mine and it was also moving. Her skin was very white and she was full of freckles on her arms."

As their petting continued, the girl made an occasional grunt or a howling sound like the men had uttered. A normal sex act took place on the couch and, after more petting, Antonio responded again.

"She never kissed me," Antonio reported. He said she opened her mouth to do so once, then changed her mind and bit him softly on the chin. The howling sounds from the girl during their sexual union reminded Antonio of animal noises and the howls had nearly spoiled the act for him.

Afterward the girl moved away from Antonio, grunted, and another alien appeared in the room. The girl pointed to Antonio, pointed to her stomach and then to the sky before leaving the room.

Another creature handed the farmer his clothes. "He motioned for me to get dressed," said Antonio. "After dressing, I walked into the big room where the crew sat on their little swivel chairs, grunting to each other. They left me alone. I was pretty calm because I decided they did not intend to harm me."

The young farmer observed the details of the ship carefully and, at one point, tried to pocket a small instrument as evidence of his strange experience. "One of the men saw me reach for it and shoved me aside," said the youth.

Antonio Villas Boas was eventually led outside the craft by a helmeted crew member. "He took me on a walk around the ship," Antonio remembers. "He pointed and grunted at various points. When he prepared to re-enter the ship, he pointed to himself, then at the ground, and next to a southern part of the sky."

As the alien disappeared into the saucer, the doors closed and a loud buzzing noise filled the air. The device on top of the craft spun rapidly and the entire ship turned green, then glowing red. The astonished farm youth watched as the saucer lifted vertically into the air and accelerated with great speed. In a few seconds it was gone.

The following day Antonio was ill and unable to eat. Burning, watery sores appeared on his legs and forearms. These itching sores lasted for ten to twenty days and then yellowish spots popped out on either side of his nose. Some of the sores left scars that have remained until today.

Antonio Villas Boas is now married and lives on a farm near the community of Ponte Poran, which is about fifteen hundred kilometers from Rio de Janeiro. The young man seldom discusses the experience these days because his wife is embarrassed by the incident.

Can we believe this bizarre tale? Actually there are several credible points to the young Brazilian's narration.

First, UFO's were extremely active in the Brazilian boon-lands during the fall of 1957 and there were numerous reports of small, humanoid figures seen near the landed crafts.

In his sighting and subsequent chase of the UFO in the field on the night of October 14, Antonio reported the object vanished suddenly "as though it had been turned out." There have been many other sightings throughout the world where luminous ships and "space lights" vanish in the flick of an eyelid. On the night of contact with the saucer crew, he said the ship was "egg-shaped" and this compares with sightings of elongated UFO's throughout the world. "Finlike projections" have been reported from other sightings.

The Brazilian's mention of the disappearing doors has reminded UFOlogists of a persistent rumor that the U.S. Air Force captured a crashed saucer in the mountains of Arizona in 1949. The unconfirmed rumor said American scientists were unable to discover an entranceway into the object and a welder's cutting torch was finally used on the ship.

Antonio was unable to fully describe the speech patterns of the ship's occupants and his limited description compared quite favorably with that furnished by Betty and Barney Hill, the New England contactee couple. Barney Hill reported his captors spoke in high-pitched "mumumings," while Antonio's little men "grunted."

Several residents of Lugrin, France, reported on Aug. 23, 1954, that they encountered two small men near a landed saucer. The saucer occupants were approximately four and a half feet tall, wore shiny suits, and "grunted like pigs," the Frenchmen said.

The Brazilian's description of the saucer crew was similar to descriptions from contactees in many parts of the world. They were approximately four and a half feet in height, and they wore tight-fitting coverall suits, made from a soft, thick cloth. Their helmets were gray-colored and strengthened with metal plates on each side.

"Their helmets hid everything except their eyes," related

Antonio. "Their eyes were protected by two round, thick lenses such as those used in eyeglasses." He thought their eyes were light colored, possibly blue or blue-green. Their heads, or possibly the helmets, were approximately twice as large as a normal head should be on an earthborn person. The helmets were connected to a device on their backs through three tubes, like breathing hoses, and this was apparently breathing apparatus. Each man wore five-fingered gloves and their shoes were heavy, with thick soles. A red badge, described "as about the size of a pineapple slice, was emblazoned on the chest of each of the little men."

There have been scores of sightings where people have seen little men with red insignias on their chests. A recent sighting occurred in the mountainous village of Valesole, in southern France, on July 1, 1965, when farmer Maurice Masse watched a "rugby-shaped" flying saucer with finlike projections and four metal legs land in his fields.

A little man stepped from the saucer and the Frenchman described the pilot as "about the size of an eight-year-old child." A red insignia was reported on the saucer pilot's chest. The saucerian's cranium was described as "larger than normal."

Antonio Villas Boas described the saucer girl as "lipless;" Barney and Betty Hill's captors were little men with large craniums, pointed chins, long narrow eyes, and "lipless mouths" that were like slashes in their faces.

There are other similarities in the contact stories. Mrs. Hill glimpsed a book aboard the New England saucer with writing in "sharp lines . . . very thin and some were medium and some were heavy. It had some dots . . . straight lines and curves." Reproducing the lettering he saw on the interior door of the saucer, Antonio Villas Boas drew some scribbles that were vaguely oriental in style.

Both the New Hampshire and Brazilian saucer crews were concerned with sexual and biological information about their captives. Some UFOlogists report this could be another stage in the UFO enigma "as saucerians would undoubtedly want to know whether sexual union between the two worlds would be possible."

There have been many skeptical reactions to the Brazilian's bizarre experience and the details are indeed frightening and fantastic in their implications. A former British consulate officer, Mr. Gordon Creighton, M.A., F.R.C.S., investigated the case and arrived at some equally startling conclusions:

"Antonio made it quite clear that all of his little men were wearing helmets, with pipes leading from a device on their backs," Mr. Creighton was quoted in *Saga* magazine.

The girl, who did not leave the UFO, wore no such helmet or device presumably because she was "at home" in her own atmosphere. It is of course true that Antonio had no such helmet or breathing device either, and he claims to have survived in there. Let us not forget, however, that he did have an attack of violent vomiting. . . . Does this mean perhaps that *their* atmosphere, although disagreeable for us, can nevertheless be tolerated by us and is not fatal? That by contrast with this, *our atmosphere is impossible for them?*

In such a case, would not the obvious solution be to breed a mixed race, a new race which would have inherited some of our characteristics, including our ability to live in a mixture of 80 per cent nitrogen and 20 per cent oxygen? *A new race, in brief, who are destined to live here and to populate the vast uninhabited areas of Brazil?*

In 1966 several hundred scientists gathered in California to discuss extraterrestrial life. Dr. Lee Du Bridge, president of the California Institute of Technology, said at that conference, "Sometimes I think we are alone in the universe, and sometimes I think we are not. In either case, it's a staggering thought."

Great Flying Ford Galaxies!

A resident of South Miami, Florida, prepared to lock the doors of his home on the night of March 6, 1961. The time was approximately 10:15 P.M. as he stepped into his back yard for a breath of fresh air. The Floridian was confronted by a large, dirigible-shaped object that hovered near the earth over an eight-acre tomato field behind his home.

"It appeared to be shaped like a Navy blimp but it was larger than any blimp I had ever seen," the man said.

He watched incredulously as a large door opened in the center of the strange craft. Three saucer-shaped small objects were propelled from this aperture and sped off into the darkened sky. "The door or opening was very large," said the observer. "It was large enough to put a house in."

Next, three shiny new Ford Galaxy automobiles appeared in the doorway and were lowered to the ground by a hydraulic-like elevator. When the autos were safely on the tomato field, a large, oblong-shaped capsule was lowered to the ground.

The capsule opened and a group of normally dressed people stepped out, entered the automobiles, and sped off through the tomato field and turned onto southwest 136th Street in South Miami.

"I was close enough to see the cars were new Ford Galaxies," said the anonymous observer. "Four people entered each car."

As the automobiles disappeared down the street the cigar-shaped craft rose rapidly from the tomato field and disappeared. "While the big object hovered over the field there was a row of small lights which encircled the craft and blinked on and off in a greenish color," said the Floridian.

The South Miami sighting involved the cigar-shaped craft which many believe to be a "mother ship" for smaller flying saucers. With no evidence to support his sighting, the observer was greeted with jeers and laughter. "It is so fantastic as to be completely unbelievable," wrote one reporter. "Perhaps the Ford Motor Company has devised a new method of delivering automobiles to Miami."

The bizarre sighting—if it actually occurred—led to speculation that if there are spacemen among us they prefer to drive Ford automobiles just like John Dillinger, the bank bandit during the turbulent thirties.

Things That Fall from the Sky

"I was no more than twelve feet away when it hit, and it almost scared me to death," said Claude J. McCroy, a Martin, Georgia, farmer who was "almost clobbered" by a forty-pound falling ball of ice. McCroy was in his garden on the evening of October 28, 1959, when the massive chunk of ice whooshed out of the sky and smashed into the red clay earth.

"I was walking toward the house when I heard this tremendous rushing of air, like a jet getting louder and louder," McCroy told newsmen. "It became a tremendous roar in a few seconds and then hit." The mysterious falling ice ball slammed into the earth with explosionlike intensity and crunched through a foot of topsoil.

McCroy's son and several neighbors heard the "whooshing" sound and ran to the scene. The big ball of ice, frozen to a white hardness, was pitted and scored like a meteorite.

"I never saw anything like it," said Joe Gaines, news director of radio station WNEG, Toccoa, Georgia, who was among newsmen who investigated and photographed the ice ball.

The Atlanta weather bureau was at a loss to explain the phenomenon because the sky was clear and the temperature well above freezing in the area. A chemical analysis revealed the ice ball was probably composed of rainwater. Some Georgians advanced the theory that the ice ball was released by deicing equipment on high-flying airplanes. "Impossible," said aviation officials.

In November, 1959, another mysterious chunk of falling ice plunged through the roof of Mrs. Floyd Berg's home in Whittier, California. The impact knocked a 6 by 12 inch hole in the shingled roof. Sheriff's deputies found that five fist-sized chunks of ice, whitish and hard frozen, were in the attic, and their combined weight was more than twenty-five pounds.

There is a connection between unidentified flying objects and the many mysterious objects that plunge from the skies. Bouncing balls of glowing foam, wispy "angel's hair," strange chemical substances, and black chunks of smoking "things" have been observed falling from UFO's.

In February, 1958, Police Detective Faustin Gallegos told a *Miami Herald* reporter that a strange, pulsating white ball dropped in his back yard. "It was translucent and made up of thousands of tiny cells, like those in a honeycomb," said Detective Gallegos.

The police officer attempted to touch the weird ball, but he was unable to feel it. "I had no sensation of touch—although my finger gouged a furrow in the ball," Gallegos said. "Nothing clung to my fingers and it was as if what I saw before my eyes wasn't actually there."

The officer noticed the pulsating substance was rapidly decreasing in size and he quickly placed a sample in a pickle jar. The translucent substance disappeared entirely before Gallegos could reach the police laboratory for a scientific analysis. There was no indication that anything but pickles had ever been in the jar!

On December 12, 1963, two white, ball-shaped globs of foamy, resilient material plunged from the sky and bounced across the United States-Mexican border to create another enigmatic episode. The chunks of fluffy material were around six feet in diameter and they leaped two to six feet in the air with each bounce.

Customs Inspector Ignacio Gonzales Baz was warned by another inspector that the unusual balls were crossing the border. Baz watched the bouncing globs leap past the Customs Inspection's main gate at Agua Prieta, Mexico, and followed them into a nearby field.

Baz reported the strange substance was composed of thousands of tiny, detergentlike bubbles which were held together by a fibrous, gluelike material. The resilient balls clung together as they bounced along the ground, but pieces of the substance were torn off by sharp rocks and mesquite trees.

Baz and other observers examined these globs by placing small sticks in the substance, which wound itself around the twigs like cotton candy. Before samples could be collected for analysis, a blinding rainstorm dissolved the unknown matter.

Baz managed to photograph two of the globs before they disappeared and these pictures were subsequently published in the *Douglass, Texas, Gazette*.

Angel's hair, stringy strands of white material falling down from flying saucers and cigar-shaped UFO's, looks like finely shredded wool or spun glass. However, to the chagrin of UFO researchers, the substances dissolve and disappear when held between the fingers or placed in a container.

In October, 1952, more than one hundred residents of Gaillac, France, watched the amazing aerial acrobatics of a formation of sixteen flying disks discharged by a hovering cigar-shaped UFO.

As the incredulous citizens stared at the impromptu sky show, the cigar-shaped object discharged a "bright, whitish, translucent material," news reports stated.

The unearthly angel's hair floated down to the streets, tree-tops, and clung to power lines and electrical wires. "Scores of people gathered handfuls of the material but, unfortunately, it dissolved and disappeared before it could be taken to a laboratory for analysis," gendarmes said.

Mrs. W. F. Daily of Puenye, California, spotted a UFO on February 1, 1954, and was amazed to see strands of some shiny substance discharged from "the saucer's exhaust." The mysterious substance floated down to cover trees, phone wires, and shrubs.

"It vanished when I tried to touch it with my hands," said Mrs. Daily. Later Mrs. Daily telephoned Mount Wilson Observatory for information on the best method of collecting samples of the substance, but the scoffing scientists were unable to provide help.

On November 16, 1953, residents of a two-block area in California's San Fernando Valley were amazed to find their homes covered by an avalanche of angel's hair. An incredulous bakery-truck driver stared in disbelief as his vehicle was completely covered with the wispy, strange substance.

On December 9, 1965, scores of UFO's were reported over the northeastern states and several persons reported strange objects plunging from the sky. Three boys in Chippewa Township, Pennsylvania, were excited to see a strange object drop into the woods near their homes.

"It was a big, brown, square thing," said Edward Bozic, eleven, one of the boys. "There was smoke all around it and a big puff of smoke, but nothing burned. The smoke stayed and stayed." Investigators said trees in the area were scarred and broken but there was no hole in the ground, which ruled out meteorites.

At the same time Donald Hilton and Robert Murphy, two Ingham County sheriff's detectives, spotted a descending UFO near Marshall, Michigan. "It had a head about three feet in diameter and was trailing smoke," said Hilton.

The UFO appeared to be about one hundred feet in the air and was judged to be approximately eighty feet away from

the detectives' vehicle. As Hilton and Murphy discussed a course of action the UFO disintegrated, and a thin, black substance fell to the earth.

Mrs. Arnold Kalp and her two children reported seeing a falling object in the sky at approximately the same time. "Nevin saw it first and he said it looked like a falling star," said Mrs. Kalp. "It left a trail of flames behind it and fell into the woods."

When Mrs. Kalp looked she could see smoke where the object was supposed to have landed. "Then it turned sort of cloudy and went away like it buried itself in the ground," said the Michigan mother.

Dale Howard has a home about one mile from where the device landed. He felt "strong vibrations" and heard a thump when the object struck earth.

As reports continued to pour in on the evening of December 9, some investigators wondered if Michigan was being covered with "things" from space. A smoking object plunged into a Livonia, Michigan, field and was recovered by two eleven-year-old boys. They found a fist-sized hunk of lightweight metal partially buried in the ground. "It was still smoking when I picked it up but it wasn't warm," said Brian Parent. The metallic object was splashed in colors ranging from gray to deep black. "It had a terrible smell," the boys reported.

Even smaller chunks of the smelly metal were found by several children in Warren, Michigan. They reported the pea-sized pellets fell near them. Thirteen-year-old Roy Root found a fifteen-pound metal slab near his farm home at Concord, Michigan. The smoldering metallic object had smashed a two-foot-deep hole into the field.

The Michigan finds occurred between 4:30 and 4:45 p.m. At approximately 4:45 a fiery UFO exploded over Cleveland, Ohio, and a dozen grass fires broke out in the western fringes of the city.

A glowing UFO landed in an alfalfa field near Tucumán, Argentina, during the cloudy night of December 4, 1965. The saucer-shaped object was observed by over a dozen people, and one sighter, Antonio Lozano, investigated the site the following morning. He found a piece of paper with "CHINY YNOSS" written on it. The paper was given to scientists at Tucumán University, where results of the analysis were not disclosed. The word has no meaning in either the Spanish or English languages.

C. C. Caldwell was flying a small Cessna airplane at an altitude of 2,500 feet near New Orleans on the evening of March 26, 1966, when he witnessed a fiery explosion in the sky above him. The unknown object disintegrated at a height of forty thousand feet and Caldwell watched falling debris and smoking objects plunge to the ground. When the incident was reported to officials, it was indicated that "all planes are accounted for" in the area.

That same evening, John Reschke, an Indiana state policeman, saw two egg-shaped UFO's "drop something" near Valparaiso, Indiana. He reported the incident but a subsequent search of the area failed to turn up the object.

Scientists have recorded objects falling from the skies throughout history. A mass of "black-brown coal" plunged from the heavens onto the province of Entre Rios, Argentina, on June 30, 1880, and inhabitants of the region later burned most of the mysterious substance for fuel. A similar substance fell at Mighei, Russia, on June 30, 1889, and an analysis of the matter revealed it contained 5 percent organic matter and left a shiny yellow resin after evaporation.

The enigmatic "blood rains" of the middle ages have never been explained by scientists. The red rain pelted dozens of European communities and panicked their residents, who felt the phenomena was an omen from the skies warning of impending disaster. Scientists blandly stated "the red rains are caused by normal rain, which has been colored by sand storms from the Sahara desert." Witnesses to the bloody downpours swore there were traces of flesh in the stormy falls!

Charles Fort, writing in his *Book of the Damned*, speculated on the origin of these things that fall from the skies:

"I think of the super-beings that have passed close above us, showing no more interest in the earth than passengers on a steamship show in the ocean's floor. True, steamship passengers actually may have a keen interest in what's beneath them, but the circumstances of schedules of commercial requirements forbid a pause to investigate the bottoms of the sea."

Perhaps, as one researcher wryly suggested, these falling objects are nothing more than debris and garbage from spaceships.

When the mystery of the flying saucers is finally solved, we may also discover the source of these falling objects and other mysterious occurrences.

. . . Or Are They Flying Ants?

Norton Novitt, an amateur scientist from Denver, Colorado, whose hobby is the study of the electric properties of insects, believes it is highly likely that Unidentified Flying Objects are nothing more than glowing swarms of luminous flying ants.

Novitt's theory started two years ago when he was sky watching for a satellite during daylight and observed two glowing objects through his telescope. Following the objects to a nearby home, he found two winged ants. The Denver man decided the bright glow he had observed in the sky might be sunlight reflected off the iridescent bodies of the flying ants.

Researching his unusual project, Novitt discovered swarming male and female ants sprout wings for their annual mating season. These huge swarms of airborne ants will frequently be composed of up to twenty-seven million insects and Novitt wondered if these swarms could pick up static electricity to provide a glow at night.

The Coloradoan glued a handful of ants to a Ping-Pong ball and charged them with electricity. The ants glittered with a dim blue glow as the electrical charge drained away. The ball would also remain motionless and move erratically as the ants maneuvered.

"The theory may explain many characteristics of the UFO's," Novitt declared. "These include such phenomena as sudden materialization and disappearances, motionless patterns, hovering, glowing or pulsating lights of different colors, a variety of shapes and sizes, scorching of vegetation, chemical droppings, late summer and fall appearances, and the lack of communication with other airborne objects."

Novitt also stated that swarms of several million flying ants would "emit a very loud, buzzing or whirring sound."

Take another hard, long look at the next UFO you glimpse in the sky. It may be nothing more than a bunch of sexy ants with a glow on.

The 5:02 to Mars

George Adamski, one of the first contactees who professed to have met saucer crewmen from other planets, claimed he saw his first UFO on the night of October 9, 1946, through the lens of a six-inch Tinsley reflecting telescope from his home on the southern slopes of Mount Palomar.

"The sighting occurred while I was watching a meteor shower," Adamski related. "I saw a black, cigar-shaped object move through the sky and, at the time, presumed it was some sort of American secret weapon."

During the next couple of years Adamski claimed to have sighted and photographed scores of flying saucers. "I exposed several hundred negatives and eighteen presented proof that flying saucers came from outer space," he said. Armed with his photographs, Adamski hit the lecture trail as service clubs clamored for his time.

On November 20, 1952, Adamski claimed to have talked with a Venusian saucer pilot. The Californian reported he had heard rumors of spaceships and little men landing in the California desert and he made several excursions into the desolate land to attempt contact.

On the November afternoon Adamski spotted a gigantic "football"-shaped ship hovering over the desert, set up his telescope, and snapped pictures of the strange craft. A short distance away four incredulous companions watched the scene through binoculars.

On that same November afternoon Adamski claimed contact with a flying saucer pilot from Venus. "He was human in appearance with long, blond hair and a hairless face," Adamski recalled for lecture audiences. "He was five and a quarter feet tall, appeared to be about twenty-eight to thirty years old, and weighed around one hundred thirty-five pounds."

Unable to converse in spoken language, Adamski and his spaceman communed through mental telepathy. "Orthon was his name, his objectives were friendly as the Venusians are concerned about radiation from our atomic-bomb tests," Adamski explained.

The cigar-shaped objects were said to be "mother ships" and disk-shaped flying saucers were scout ships used to shuttle between the earth and the huge spaceship. The crafts were said to be propelled by a form of magnetic energy.

"The laws on Venus are those of the Creator rather than the unnatural, materialistic philosophy of governing bodies on earth," the visitor stated. He also said that several Venusians had been killed by earthmen when they landed on our planet. "This explains why they do not land in populous areas," Adamski claimed.

Adamski's friendly visitor reported that all of the planets in our solar system are inhabited by humanoids and that many earthlings have been willingly "kidnapped" and taken to other planets.

During his long career as a contactee George Adamski wrote of his experiences in *Flying Saucers Have Landed* and a sequel, *Inside the Spaceships*. Both books tell of his claimed meetings with space crews from other planets and the secret philosophy of these visitors.

Adamski always offered his UFO photographs as evidence of his purported contacts. Air Force officials tagged them as "possibly genuine . . . but they could be faked by a child with a Brownie camera." However, Peverly Marley, a well-known Hollywood cinematographer, said that if they were faked, the pictures were the finest examples of trick photography he had ever witnessed.

Adamski supporters like to point to a passage in his book where he mentions seeing "fireflies" during an outer-space saucer ride. The book was published several years before American and Russian astronauts commented about similar "fireflies" in space.

Taking trips to other planets became a popular claim in the early fifties and it appeared the aliens must have operated a regular shuttle service between earth and the other planets. The role of the contactees and their claimed intimate relationships with extraterrestrials has baffled and plagued researchers for many years. ". . . If the crews of flying saucers truly are revealing their secrets to the contactees, then one cannot help questioning the aliens' choice of confidants," wrote Brad Steiger in *Strangers From The Skies*.

Even George Adamski doubted many of the contact claims. "There have been some three thousand claims of contact but only eight hundred have been genuine," Adamski revealed. "The others are merely mental experiences."

On the other hand, flying saucers must be piloted by intelligent beings and occasional contact with earth people is highly possible. It is quite possible that the standards for contact by the extraterrestrials differ with earthbound value

judgments. Military investigators and many civilian saucer research groups wince when contactee stories are mentioned. "They pull down the whole field and add a touch of lunacy to our research," commented one researcher. His group discounts all stories of sightings involving humanoids or alien creatures as "figments of the imagination."

"I am Mon-Ka of Mars," is a voice supposedly spoken through Dick Miller, an electronics technician who has claimed to be in contact with "Mon-Ka" and other friendly space people for the past thirteen years. Tapes of Mon-Ka's messages are sold through the Solar Cross Foundation and their messages for earthmen warn us to stop tossing those atomic bombs around before a holocaust consumes mankind.

George King, an Englishman, has established the Aetherius Society to disseminate his "messages" from the space brothers. King is the self-designated spokesman for the Interplanetary Parliament whose mission started in 1954 when he was accosted in the west end of London by a Venusian master called "Aetherius."

"You are to be the earth spokesman for our group so prepare yourself," Aetherius is supposed to have informed King.

The balding, tall Londoner accepted his mission and preaches that the world is headed straight for destruction unless we change our ways. King has claimed to have been in contact with Buddha, Jesus, and Shro Krishna and they're "unhappy about conditions here."

"Operation Starlight" is a current project of King's group where certain mountains in various parts of the world are "charged" with a mysterious force. These places will provide sanctuary for members of the group when the forecasted catastrophe occurs.

Even contactees themselves are dubious about some of the claimed experiences of their peers. "There are more liars in the flying-saucer field than anywhere else," declared Kelvin Rowe, who professes to have taken more than 350 trips into outer space. Dan Martin, a Detroit, Michigan, resident who claims to have been aboard a Venusian spaceship with a crew of Mercurians, puts it this way: "Ninety-nine percent of all other contactees are frauds and the public is tiring of these fantastic stories." Martin appeared at a flying-saucer contactee convention in California and declared a nuclear explosion will melt the Arctic ice and the earth will turn on its axis. He claimed the space brothers will then land and aid the people on earth.

Daniel Fry, a former technician with the Aerojet General Corporation at White Sand Proving Ground in New Mexico, has claimed he rode a flying saucer to New York and back on July 4, 1950, at speeds of around eight thousand miles per hour. Fry is presently vice-president of Crescent Engineering Company, El Monte, California, and author of several books of his experiences. Titles include *Steps to the Stars*; *Atoms, Galaxies and Understanding* and *The Curve of Development*.

Contactees have been around for several centuries. In 1722 Dutch astronomer Christianus Huygens wrote a book entitled *Celestial Worlds Discovered*. In 1866 the William Denton family of Wellesley, Massachusetts, lectured on their claimed psychic-vibration communiqués from Mars. Young Sherman Denton claimed his mind went into outer space and he observed Martians that looked like earth people.

"They travel about on individual flying machines and they have been investigating the earth since the late 1700's," the youth told awed lecture audiences.

Surprisingly Sherman Denton informed his listeners that the Martians used aluminum metals for manufacture of their "flying machines," cookware, and homes. At that time the alloy was barely known on earth. As might be expected the Dentons coined a considerable sum of cash on the lecture circuit.

As the flying saucer mystery continues to develop, we can expect even more claims of contact with beings from other planets. Each experience should be investigated with an open, scientific appraisal.

Ohio's Strange UFO Chase

It was a quiet, chilly dawn in Portage County, Ohio, on April 17, 1966, and Deputy Sheriff Dale Spaur and Special Deputy W. L. (Barney) Neff patrolled eastward along U.S. Highway 224 in Patrol Car No. 13.

The ruby glow of a rising sun tinged the horizon as the patrol-car radio crackled a radio message from headquarters. "Be on the lookout for a flying object out there," the dispatcher advised. "We've been receiving reports on something in the sky."

At about 5 A.M. the two deputies spotted a red-and-white 1959 Ford parked beside the highway. Spaur maneuvered the patrol car off the road and they walked toward the abandoned car for a check-out. A strange emblem was painted on the door of the vehicle (a triangle covered a bolt of lightning) with the legend "Seven Steps to Hell" written above it.

The two deputies noticed the interior of the strange car was filled with radios, walkie-talkies, and other electronic equipment. They were puzzling over the baffling vehicle when Spaur heard a buzzing sound originating from a nearby grove of trees.

The whirring object was a flying saucer, described later as "thirty-five to forty feet in diameter with a large dome and an antenna protruding from the rear." As the incredulous lawmen watched, the object rose above the treetops, glowed purple, and moved toward them. It radiated warm heat waves.

Momentarily the saucer rose to a height of 150 feet as Spaur and Neff dashed for their waiting patrol car. Spaur grabbed the radio mike. "We've got a flying saucer out here!" he radioed to the Portage County sheriff's headquarters. "It's about one hundred to one hundred and fifty feet in the air and I've never seen anything this bright in my life." Tears streamed from their eyes as the deputies stared at the saucer.

"Shoot it," the radioman advised Spaur.

Later Spaur and Neff explained they did not get out of the patrol car as a "weird feeling" intuitively warned them not to fire upon the saucer.

The night-desk sergeant radioed the deputies with orders to follow the unknown object, and when the saucer moved slowly away the patrol car followed the glowing flight path.

The saucer moved slowly at first and then sped across Ohio

toward Pennsylvania. The chase ran for eighty-five miles and ended in Freedom, Pennsylvania, when the patrol car ran out of gasoline.

The bright, glowing saucer appeared to be playing a fantastic game of tag with Patrol Car No. 13. "When it got ahead of us it would wait at intersections," newsmen were told. "Once it doubled back when the highway turned in a different direction." The patrol car was traveling at speeds up to one hundred miles per hour to keep pace with the saucer.

"The chase lasted for about fifty minutes and in that time the object was seen by six or seven other departments in Ohio and Pennsylvania," Deputy Robert Wilson, radioman at the Portage County sheriff's headquarters, said.

At East Palestine, Ohio, across the border from Pennsylvania, Patrolman Wayne Houston joined the pursuit. "It traveled in a straight line and changed altitudes suddenly," he told newsmen. "When it got too far ahead it hovered and waited."

Police Chief Gerald Buchert of Mantua, Ohio, photographed the craft but said the pictures turned out badly with an "odd fuzzy white thing in a black sky."

"I'd rather not discuss it," Buchert told interviewers recently. "It should be forgotten and left alone. I saw something but I don't know what it was."

When they ran out of gas near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the saucer continued eastward and disappeared into the red glow of the early morning sun.

The nightmare for Deputy Dale Spaur started when the chase ended. There has also been conflicting statements on exactly what occurred on that night. Back at Portage County sheriff's headquarters, Deputy Robert Wilson reported to newsmen that Spaur and Neff were questioned by an Air Force colonel. However, the USAF headquarters at Pittsburgh Airport denied any knowledge of a UFO report.

Wilson said the object had been caught by radar at Pittsburgh and "at least seven jets" had been scrambled from the Cleveland, Ohio, area in an attempt to intercept the flying saucer. But the control tower at Pittsburgh Airport denied they had picked up a UFO on their radar screen.

As soon as Dale Spaur returned to headquarters, he was besieged by crowds of UFO investigators, newspaper, radio, and television reporters, government officials, and Air Force personnel. Kooks, cranks, and nuts telephoned, wrote, and came in person to talk with the deputies.

"My entire life came crashing down around my shoulders,"

Spaur reported. "Suddenly it was as if I no longer had anything for myself. My wife, my home, my children all seemed to fade away."

Afterward Denise Spaur decided to file for divorce. "Something happened to Dale," she informed newsmen after filing. "He came home that day and I never saw him more frightened before. He acted strange and listless. He was very pale and just sat around. Later he got real nervous and he started to run away. He'd just disappear for days and days. Our marriage fell apart. All kinds of people came to the house and kept him up all night. They hounded him right into the ground and he changed."

When his wife charged Spaur with assault and battery in July, 1966, he turned in his lawman's badge and left Ravenna. He obtained employment as a painter at \$80 per week in Solon, Ohio. His room at a small motel costs \$60 and he must contribute \$20 a week to the support of his wife and children. Spaur is left with exactly nothing.

Dale Spaur was not the only lawman to feel pressure after the wild UFO chase. Several months after the incident East Palestine Patrolman Wayne Houston resigned after seven years on the police force in the Eastern Ohio community. "I quit because of that thing," he declared, announcing he was going to Seattle, Washington, to drive a bus. "There was pressure. You couldn't put your finger on it but it was there. For one thing the city officials did not like their police officers chasing flying saucers."

Special Deputy W. L. Neff, who rode with Spaur on the bizarre chase, refuses to discuss the experience. His wife Jacquelyne declared, "I hope I never see him like he was after the chase. He was almost in a state of shock. . . . He'd been through a wringer."

Another policeman, Frank Panzanella of Conway, Pennsylvania, saw the craft. He has removed his phone from his home.

There are many loose ends to the Ravenna flying-saucer incident. Although Deputies Spaur and Neff were reported to have written down the license number of the Ford with the strange insignia, no announcement was forthcoming as to why the vehicle was parked near where the flying saucer was first sighted.

Healing Lights, Heat Waves, and Paralyzing Beams

The Brazoria County, Texas, Sheriff's Department patrol car moved along Highway 36 south of the town of Damon on the night of September 3, 1965. Inside, Patrol Deputy Robert Goode and then-Chief Deputy Billy McCoy were returning from a high-school football game at Sweeny, Texas, and were headed toward West Columbia.

Deputy Goode was nursing a wounded finger, which occurred when he was bitten on the left index finger by his son's pet alligator. The finger had bled profusely and had swollen and throbbed painfully.

"I wasn't paying much attention to McCoy when he started talking about lights off to the right of the highway," Goode recalled, later, to investigators. "I presumed they were ranch houses or something."

"Those lights are going up," Deputy McCoy commented nervously.

"I leaned over and could see some lights but wasn't excited. Billy wanted to investigate so we went back around the Old Denton road," Goode said.

The lawmen parked and searched for the lights.

"I can't see any of your cotton-picking lights," Deputy Goode said, starting up his car.

"It's coming across the prairie," shouted McCoy.

Deputy Goode turned and was startled by two huge lights speeding toward the patrol car. "Man, he wasn't lying," recalled Goode. "It was really coming toward us."

The huge UFO was described as "two hundred to three hundred feet long and at least fifty feet thick in the middle. It had a purple light on the left side and a blue light on the right." The two Texans reported they saw nothing solid until the UFO moved close to their parked patrol car.

"I looked around and there it was. It was about the size of a football field, or at least the shadow it threw on the earth was about that size," Goode told newsmen. "I thought: 'Holy mackerel, man, that thing is big.'"

"The inside of the car was lit up by the bright light," stated Deputy McCoy.

Goode's left arm, with the wounded finger, was outside

the car window at the time the car was bathed in the brilliant illumination. "I could feel heat from the light," he said. "We got out of there."

At speeds up to 100-110 miles per hour Goode maneuvered the patrol car over the deserted road. "We didn't think about anything until we stopped at a diner and started discussing it," McCoy related.

It was there that Goode discovered his injured finger was no longer throbbing. "I suddenly realized it was not bothering me and I pulled it out of the bandage. Hell, you couldn't tell I had ever been bit," recalled Goode.

"The swelling had disappeared and the finger looked a lot different," agreed McCoy.

Later the two deputies returned to the scene of their sighting and discovered the UFO was still hovering in the night sky. The giant ship made motions as if it would approach them again and the lawmen tromped the patrol car accelerator to the floor and sped from the area. "We didn't go back for a third time," Deputy Goode related.

The sighting was reported to Air Force authorities and Major L. R. Leach of Ellington Air Force Base headed the investigation. "Both officers appeared to be intelligent, mature, levelheaded individuals capable of sound judgment and reasoning," Major Leach said. The major was unable to provide an explanation for the incident.

Several days later Deputy Goode was in a restaurant when two strangers approached him and described the UFO in complete detail.

"The ships operate on magnetic rays," the strangers informed Goode. "In the future if you see a similar ship please cooperate with the occupants and don't publicize any conversations you might have with the crew members."

A thirteen-year-old Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, youth was burned on the hand when he touched the antenna of a glowing flying saucer that landed near his home on April 4, 1966.

Charles Cozens reported to police that two bizarre ships landed in a field behind a Wellington Street police station in Hamilton. "The ships were eight feet long, four feet wide, and three feet high with red, blue, and green lights set into the rim and flickering like a computer," Cozens told Constable Arnold Pead.

The objects made buzzing sounds, the youth related, and

"lit up the grass all around." Only one of the UFO's had an antenna and it was described as "thicker at the base and narrowed to the size of a nickel on the top."

The curious Canadian youth touched the protruding antenna and received a shock "as a flash, like electricity, occurred." Newsmen and Constable Pead verified three-inch burns on the youth's hand.

When a flying saucer cast a beam of light on fourteen-year-old Chris Ward, the East Liverpool, Ohio, youth was apparently paralyzed by the saucer rays. When the youth and his friends spotted a UFO, Ward told police officers that a beam of light emerged from the object and touched him on the face. "I could not move," Ward reported, "and my hearing was affected in one ear."

Ward's friends attempted to move him when the beam of light was on the youth but they were unable to do so. Later the youth showed no serious aftereffects from the incident.

Scoutmaster D. S. (Sonny) Desvergers was driving several Boy Scouts home from a meeting when his attention was attracted by a strange light pulsating in a palmetto grove near West Palm Beach, Florida.

A former Marine and a reputable citizen, Desvergers thought an airplane had possibly crashed in the thicket.

"I'm going in there and take a look," Desvergers told his scouts, ordering them to stay in the car. "There's a fifteen-minute news program on the radio. If I'm not back by the time it is over, run to that house down the road and get help."

Armed with a flashlight and machete, Desvergers slashed his way through the dense growth. Suddenly he noticed a blood-red pulsating light ahead and a strange odor permeated the atmosphere. The oppressive smell became stronger and the air was growing unbearably warm as the scoutmaster slashed his way toward the strange light.

The night turned deathly dark. The Floridian glanced toward the sky and was horrified to discover some dark "thing" hovered only a few feet above his head. A blob of red fire shot out of the machine and Desvergers was surrounded by a suffocating blood-red mist.

Back at Desvergers' automobile, the waiting scouts were alarmed by the lights in the thicket and they ran to alert a nearby farmer and his wife. The farmer telephoned law-enforcement officials at nearby Boynton Beach.

A groggy Sonny Desvergers was just emerging from the

brushy undergrowth when highway patrolmen, deputy sheriffs, and excited citizens arrived at the scene. A prompt investigation by Air Force officers was launched.

An examination of the frightened scoutmaster revealed burns on his hat and arms. Even his nostrils were scorched. An examination of the thicket revealed the grass was not damaged but the roots were scorched.

"The only way it (the experience) could have been faked would have been to heat the earth from beneath to three hundred degrees Fahrenheit, and how do you do this without using big, cumbersome equipment and disturbing the ground? You can't," commented Edward Ruppelt, former head of Project Blue Book, in his *Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*. The incident occurred in 1952.

There are many Brazilians who believe their country was attacked by a flying saucer shortly after midnight on November 4, 1957, at Fort Itaipu, a military installation by the Atlantic Ocean.

Two sentries patrolling on a dull night watch were suddenly startled by an exploding blue flash in the cloudless sky.

"Don't be alarmed," one sentry commented, soothing his nervous companion. "It is only a meteor. Watch closely because they're a beautiful sight."

The gazing sentries were horrified to see the glowing light swoop out of the night sky and hover in midair above the fort. Despite their fear the soldiers later reported the object was a large disk, with flashing orange lights, about the size of a large airplane. "It was buzzing in a funny way," one sentry related.

Before the frightened soldiers could sound an alarm their bizarre visitor unleashed a ray of searing heat. The sentries were suffocating in the broiling air and they tore at their clothing as if it was on fire. The rolling blasts of heat increased in intensity as the buzzing noise on the craft reached a high-pitched wail.

One sentry fell, unconscious, and crumpled to the earth while the screams of his panic-stricken companion aroused the sleeping soldiers in a nearby barracks. Terror stalked the barracks rooms as the entire fort was plunged into darkness, the apparent effect of an electromagnetic force field from the saucer.

"Emergency power!" screamed an officer, not realizing all electricity was affected by the UFO.

As the heat waves beamed down from the saucer, pandemonium broke loose among the frightened soldiers. Some cowered in darkened corners, crossing themselves and praying. Others dashed madly through darkened corridors, slamming into furniture and each other. Those who ran wildly into the heated air on the outside were overcome by the searing heat wave.

Suddenly, as quickly as it had appeared in the sky, the orange-glowing UFO ceased the shrill buzzing, turned off the frightening heat waves, and vanished into the darkness of the heavens.

The sentries were flown to a Rio de Janeiro hospital to receive treatment for severe burns. They were unable to return to duty for several months. "Clamp the fort off limits to everyone and no man can discuss this incident," ordered a high Brazilian official. "I don't want them talking about it even to relatives or friends."

Base personnel were ordered to remain at the fort for interrogation by investigators from both the Brazilian Army and a U.S. Army military mission. It was several months before news of the heat-spurting UFO and unprovoked attack on the helpless fort filtered out to the Brazilian public in the form of vague rumors and wild tales.

Eugenio Douglas, a truck driver, was maneuvering his vehicle over a highway near Monte Maix, Argentina, on the night of October 18, 1963, when a sudden burst of light spread across the highway. "My body began to tingle with a funny feeling," Señor Douglas related.

As the bright beam continued to shine on his speeding truck, the Argentinian was blinded. He was barely able to brake the vehicle before it plowed into a roadside ditch. Douglas saw a glowing disk land on the highway and "four things like shiny metal robots started toward me."

Terrified, Douglas grabbed a loaded revolver and emptied the weapon at the oncoming things. "The bullets seemed to have no effect on them," he recalled nervously. "I took off running across the countryside."

The luminous saucer rose from the landing site and swooped low, making menacing passes at the running truck driver. "I have never run so fast," said Douglas, who was "desperate to get away from whatever it was."

Hysterical and babbling an incredible tale, Douglas dashed into the police station and informed wide-eyed authorities of

his narrow escape. "Each time that disk made a pass over my head I felt a blast of roasting heat," he related. "When the heat hit I also had that funny tingling feeling and felt as if I was suffocating."

A local doctor was called to treat the burns on the truck driver. The physician told reporters for the newspaper *Action*, in Argreaga, Argentina, that the blistering welts were "like nothing I have ever seen and I can offer no explanation for their cause."

A *War of the Worlds* attack assumed deadly reality on the evening of October 21, 1963, when the Moreno ranch near Tranca, Córdoba, Argentina, was besieged by glowing disks with heat-ray beams. Señora Antonio Moreno, an elderly rancher's wife, noticed activity at railroad tracks near her home that evening and, thinking a rail accident might have occurred, started to investigate.

"There were men on the tracks and as soon as I left the house they stopped what they were doing. Within a few seconds a glowing disk appeared over the house," Señora Moreno reported.

The disk was about twenty-five feet in diameter and the sixty-two-year-old woman experienced a "prickly or tingling feeling" when the beam struck her.

The saucer hovered and cast a heat beam down on the house. Members of the besieged family were frightened further when four additional disks arrived as reinforcements.

For an hour the Morenos endured the rising temperature inside their home as the saucers beamed their "heat lights" on the structure. "The men continued working on something on the railroad tracks and another disk was hanging over them, providing light," a young ranch hand told investigators.

"We were prisoners in our own home," related seventy-two-year-old Antonio Moreno. "The saucer light covered the entire outdoors. It came in through the windows and doors. We were able to withstand the heat as long as the beam did not strike us directly."

"I had the feeling that the 'thing' could increase or lower the temperature whenever it wished," Señora Moreno announced. "We could have been fried to a crisp."

When the activity on the railroad tracks ceased, the strangers boarded their disk. Moments later the burning beam of light vanished and the disks moved away. Newspaper reporters and lawmen who investigated the incredible incident said

a "sickening odor of sulphur clung to the ranch house for several days." *La Nación*, Buenos Aires, and the *Tribuna de Imprensa*, Rio de Janeiro, published long news stories about the startling night of terror.

Later Captain Jean V. De Beyssac was the chief pilot on a Varig Airlines transport plane en route from Porto Alegre to São Paulo, Brazil, when his C-46 plane was intercepted by a speeding red UFO.

"The object zoomed directly toward our plane," Captain De Beyssac stated in a written report on the incident. The object came extremely close to the plane and the cockpit filled with a burning odor. "Yet our fire indicators registered nothing," the captain reported.

When the object suddenly vanished, a check of the flight instruments revealed the aerial direction-finder system, the radio transmitter, and a generator for one engine were completely burned out.

Captain De Beyssac turned the cargo plane around and carefully maneuvered the crippled craft back to Porto Alegre and made a complete report on the experience. His copilot signed as witness to verify the statements. "Then I went home and got very drunk," Captain De Beyssac concluded.

On October 8, 1955, *The New York Times* printed an interview with the late General Douglas MacArthur, who predicted that the next war would be fought between the people of the earth and armed invaders from outer space. General MacArthur felt the nations of the world would have to unite to win the interplanetary war.

If heat rays and paralysis lights are examples of alien weapons, we may have difficulty fighting off an onslaught of alien invaders.

Raiders from the Skies

It was a fiery, smoke-belching thing straight from some nightmarish hell that grabbed Rivalano Mafra da Silva and kidnapped him from his home and children in Diamantina, Brazil, on the night of August 20, 1962.

The sun was starting to rise on the little Brazilian village when twelve-year-old Raimunda da Silva stirred restlessly in his sleep and was shocked to see two huge glowing balls floating directly outside the entrance to his home.

The child, his father, and two brothers, Dirceu, two, and Fatino, six, occupied the same bedroom. Raimunda threw back his covers and leaped to his father's bedside.

"Papal Wake up, wake up," he screamed, shaking his sleeping father.

The Brazilian miner rolled over, rubbed the sleep from his eyes, and jerked awake with a startled shock.

Raimunda pointed to a vague shadow in the house. "There's something here," he cried. Later the youth described a vague thing "not shaped like a person and it sort of floated rather than walked across the floor."

Raimunda swore he heard the thing announce, "The man is here and we must take him."

As his children watched in panic-stricken horror, their father rose from his bed, as if hypnotized, and walked deliberately from his home and directly toward the waiting balls.

The glowing objects belched yellow smoke, had antennae, and "small tails." One object was blackish in color and the other was black and white.

"Come back!" screamed Raimunda, frantically, as his father neared the glowing balls. Suddenly a giant puff of smoke engulfed the Brazilian. When the mist vanished, the object and the boy's father had disappeared.

Raimunda choked back his tears and ran swiftly to the police station to report the weird story to incredulous officers.

The police launched an immediate investigation at the da Silva home. They discovered a strange, dust-free, twenty-foot circle in front of the hut and later found droplets of human blood about forty yards from the doorway.

As the investigation progressed, officers were informed that da Silva had told his friends about stumbling upon two

beings about three feet tall. "He said the little men had been digging a hole in the ground near his home," a friend of the vanished miner related.

"He told me the story but I can't see any connection between the two things," said a miner who worked with da Silva.

Young Raimunda da Silva was subjected to psychiatric examination by Dr. Joao Antunes de Oliveira. His conclusions are as follows:

"I don't wish to discuss the facts in this case because they are beyond my comprehension," the physician told newsmen. "But I can report the boy is normal and is telling what he believes to be the truth."

As might be expected, the baffling case of the disappearing miner became an overnight sensation in Brazil and newspapers vied in their coverage of the astounding affair. Newsmen quickly pointed out that there had been a rash of UFO sightings in the area previous to the da Silva disappearance. Dr. Giovanni Pereira and Chief of Police Walter Coelho were among those who had sighted the objects.

No body was ever discovered. Despite their best investigative efforts, police could not uncover a single shred of evidence to indicate foul play. "Our citizens are terrified by a belief that da Silva was kidnapped by something we are powerless to name," one town official reported. Families bolted their doors, forbade any unnecessary walking at night, and stayed close to their homes. It was several months before normalcy returned to the tiny village.

Raimunda? Reports from Brazil indicate the orphan boy disappeared behind a heavy veil of military security. He is presumed to be under Brazilian Army guard at an installation near Rio de Janeiro.

Was Rivalano da Silva kidnapped by the crew of a flying saucer because he knew too much? Or was he nabbed as a specimen for some biological experiment?

Another Brazilian who failed to elude the UFO's was Telemaco Xavier, who disappeared on the night of September 16, 1962, near the remote jungle village of Vila Conceicao in northern Brazil. Chickens, pigs, livestock, and pets had previously vanished from the village at an astounding rate and residents believed the "*Olha o disco*" (flying saucer) also nabbed Xavier.

Several weeks later an itinerant worker returned to the region and informed police he had been walking along the

lonely jungle road on the night of Xavier's disappearance. "A glowing, circular object that flashed with sparks landed in a clearing and three men jumped out of the machine and chased a man who was walking by," the informant related. "The man put up a fight but they dragged him into the disk. He screamed until the disk took off straight into the sky and vanished."

Police officials checked the scene of the alleged kidnapping. "There were clearly signs of a desperate struggle where the workman said the abduction had taken place," Brazilian newspapers reported. "It would appear beyond a doubt that Mr. Telemaco Xavier was kidnapped by a flying disk."

On April 8, 1966, two boys in Norwalk, Connecticut, were walking to school along a deserted road when a silvery saucer swooped out of the sky and chased them for two hours. "The buzzing disk was around eight feet in diameter and about four and a half feet high," reported Mike Dorsey and Gary Hunt, both twelve years old.

"We tried to hide behind trees but it would float above them to spot us," Gary Hunt related. The two boys managed to reach a bridge and hid beneath the structure while the humming disk hovered a few feet away. When the disk eventually left, the two boys dashed home. "They were obviously shaken and frightened by the experience," an investigator revealed.

The boys were later questioned in the principal's office of their school by a man who refused to provide a name or credentials but told school authorities he was from a "highly classified top-secret branch of the government investigating these things."

There are several rumors of airborne planes that have been gobbled up by UFO's. A few years ago an F-89 jet interceptor fighter plane was scrambled from Kinross Air Force Base, Michigan, when Air Force radar picked up an unknown blip over Lake Superior. Lt. Felix Moncla, Jr., was pilot and Lt. R. R. Wilson was radar observer of the plane. Radar group operators watched the jet close in on the stationary UFO. They gulped with disbelief when the two images on their screens merged into a single giant blip. The large UFO suddenly flew north at an incredible speed and disappeared off the screen. Aerial searches failed to discover a trace of the missing F-89 or the crewmen.

Air Force records are also rumored to contain classified documents on the disappearance of a large troop-transport ship which was grabbed by a UFO only a few miles from a military base.

Less than six months ago a NASA scientist from Cape Kennedy was fishing in a small boat off the coast of Florida when a humming, buzzing UFO swooped down over his boat and made several menacing passes. "It came so close I could have touched it with my fishing rod," the scientist reported to an AFSCA investigator.

The saucer hovered, flashing intermittently, and a "robot-like" thing floated down toward the boat. "We kicked the engine in gear and got out of there as fast as we could," the NASA scientist related. It is not known whether the report was made to the Air Force.

The Air Force is aware, however, of a high government scientist who was "treed" by a similar, smoke-belching robot in the mountains around Cisco Grove, California, in the autumn of 1963. Lost from his hunting companions, the scientist lighted fires to signal searchers but attracted two humanoid spacemen accompanied by their robot. The aliens attempted to shake the scientist from his perch in a tree and, unsuccessful, they unleashed their robot who floated up to belch nauseous vapor at the frightened man. The battle with the spacemen lasted until dawn. As the sun rose, the spacemen entered their craft and disappeared into the skies.

Detailed stories on a kidnap attempt by smelly jelly blobs were carried in virtually every newspaper in Europe after the nightmarish monsters tried to pull two young Swedes into a flying saucer. Stig Rydberg and Hans Gustafsson were driving from Helsingborg to Hoganas, Sweden, on the night of December 20, 1958, when they glimpsed a strange light in the forest and stopped to investigate.

"It was a shiny disk, resting on a small landing gear," Hans related. "There were a bunch of blobs around the machine. They were bluish-green, bounced like animated jelly, and were sort of like protozoa. We started to run but they grabbed us and started pulling us toward the saucer."

"They had tremendous strength and their stench was terrible," said Stig. "It was like burned meat and ether. I hit one and my arm sank right into the monster. They were ready for every move I made, as if they could read my mind."

Hans Gustafsson had his own problems with the jellylike creatures. The blobs had raised him horizontally in the air as

Hans clung desperately to a fence post. "They had a suction strength that was tremendous," Hans said.

Rydberg broke free of his two pulsating jelly monsters and dashed for their waiting car. In desperation he blew the horn in hopes of attracting aid and the harsh blast of noise frightened the protoplasmic monsters. They dropped Gustafsson and ran toward the saucer.

"It shot into the sky with a loud, screaming whistle and flashing lights," the astonished Swedes claimed.

Subsequent investigation by the Swedish Defense Department and the Denmark Defense Department, who were aided by teams of psychiatrists, physicians, and skilled interrogators, failed to change the harrowing story. Together or alone, under drugs or hypnotized, Rydberg and Gustafsson parried complicated psychological ploys with consistent answers and one investigator admitted to newsmen that "they must be telling the truth as near as we can determine. It's a strange case."

Three itinerant vegetable crop workers were living in a shack near Marshall, Michigan, during a recent cucumber harvest season and had just returned from Saturday night dates in the community.

Philip Williams, then seventeen, stepped outside the shack near midnight and was frightened by a giant figure lurking by the doorway. He dashed desperately back into the dwelling and shouted for assistance.

Philip's brother, Herman, age twenty, grabbed his shotgun and frantically searched for shells.

"Let's look again. Perhaps you just thought you saw something," said Otto Collins, age twenty. "We'd better be sure."

The two youths stepped apprehensively out into the darkened yard. They searched momentarily for signs of an intruder.

"There's nothing out there," Collins declared.

At that moment Philip shrieked. "I started to turn but it must have been behind us all the time," the youth told newsmen. "Strong arms wrapped around me and I was lifted off the ground!"

Inside the house Herman Williams dropped his shotgun and rushed outside. "I couldn't see what was happening so I jumped in the car and snapped on the headlights," he said.

The blazing seal beams illuminated a ghastly tableau. A giant, hairy thing had tucked the struggling bodies of Collins and Williams under each arm and was carrying them

away. Herman stared transfixed as the apelike creature struggled to maintain balance with his struggling kidnapped cargo.

"There was a table sitting by the house and he brushed against it and seemed to lose his balance for a moment," the boys reported. "That's when Herman jumped out and pushed him. The thing seemed confused and bewildered and ambled off into the darkness."

The creature was described as "furry or covered with black hair" and "it smelled like something real rotten." Otto Collins recalled the creature's eyes vividly. "They were large, green eyes," he said. "About the size of light bulbs and they were bright enough to scare you to death."

Later a farmer living nearby told investigators that he had seen a "glowing thing" land near the area that night. The workers left the Michigan region after the crop was harvested and the story was largely discounted as the product of overactive imaginations of the three youths.

Dr. Harlow Shapley, former director of the Harvard Observatory, has said, "The universe probably contains millions of planets inhabited by beings more advanced than us." The Brookings Institute, Washington, D.C., did a study for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) that warned: "Discovery of the existence of a race of superior beings in the universe could cause civilization to topple. Even on earth societies have disintegrated when confronted by a superior society and others continued, though changed."

In his book, *Flying Saucers on the Attack*, Harold T. Wilkins warned repeatedly that to believe in the friendly intentions of "all space visitors" is a foolish, dangerous course and an unhealthy illusion.

Professor Hermann Oberth, the father of Germany's V-2 rockets, has also insisted flying saucers are "Viking ships from other solar systems." Vice Admiral R. A. Hillenkoetter, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, soberly announced that "behind the scenes high-ranking Air Force officers are vitally concerned about UFO's."

"Everything points to one grisly conclusion," commented writer John Keel recently. "Our planes, ships, and automobiles are being removed by an alien force, perhaps an alien race, whose origin and motivation are totally unknown to us."

The New Air Force Investigation

After twenty years of mishandling the investigation of flying saucers, the U.S. Air Force came under particularly heavy criticism in early 1965 and announced a completely new civilian investigative agency would be headed by scientist-physicist Dr. Edward U. Condon. The center of the study is the Boulder campus of the University of Colorado, which received a government grant of \$313,000 to identify saucers once and for all.

The study was less than the Air Force announced on July 15, 1966. In an Associated Press wire-service story from the nation's capital on that afternoon, the Air Force announced their intentions to contract for *teams of university scientists to investigate promptly and in depth certain sightings of UFO's.*

A scientific advisory board in March, 1966, recommended this action for the Air Force, which *pledged to strengthen the probe of reports on UFO's.* The scientific board suggested teams of investigators composed of a psychologist, a physical scientist, an astronomer, and a geophysicist.

What has happened since then?

From November 1, 1966, to February 1, 1967, the Air Force received 150 voluntary reports on Unidentified Flying Objects. This was only a fraction of all sightings. Only two reports have been checked out by the UFO Study Project at Colorado University!

"We're not running a fire-department type of operation," Dr. Condon told interviewers earlier this year.

As has often occurred with government saucer research in the past, Condon has lowered a veil of official secrecy around his project. When the contract was awarded in October, 1966, Condon announced through a university news release that: "It will be the policy of the university investigators to make the results of the study available to the public freely and promptly once they are complete but not to issue partial results of investigations." The idea of a monthly press conference has been discarded by Dr. Condon.

The report now has a "confidential" status. "If I don't seem to be giving you any information it's because I'm not," Dr.

Condon told a *Denver Post* staff writer, Dan Partner, in February, 1967.

Strangely, despite the Air Force promise of an in-depth investigation with several university teams in different parts of the country, the Colorado project is virtually a *part-time* operation. Condon is working *part-time* as are all members of his staff except Robert James Low, on loan to the project from his job as head of the Colorado Graduate School.

Low was responsible for the two actual in-field investigations which took him to Minot Air Base and to the Pittsburg, Kansas, region. "The incidents were not very exciting but he got some experience," reported Condon.

Others who are working part-time on the project include Dr. Joseph Rush, a staff member of the National Center for Atmospheric Research; Professors David D. Saunders and Michael Wertheimer of the Colorado University psychology department; and Franklin Roach, an authority on air glow who will not join the project until June, 1967.

Dr. Condon, one of the foremost physicists in the nation, is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and his completed report on UFO's will be studied by that group before it is sent on to the Air Force.

"There could be some revision on the report before it is sent to the Pentagon," Condon grinned during a recent interview.

Now, rather than determine what UFO's are and where they come from, Condon's report is expected to analyze the complex problem and recommend how it should be handled.

Controversy is nothing new to Dr. Condon. He assumed a leading role in the development of the atomic bomb and helped establish a nuclear laboratory at Los Alamos, New Mexico. However, in 1948, he was tagged "one of the weakest links in our atomic security" by the House Un-American Activities Committee, which was headed by Richard Nixon, then a Congressman from California. Condon was defended by then-Commerce Secretary Averell Harriman but resigned his post as head of the National Bureau of Standards and accepted a position with Corning Glass Works.

Unless Dr. Condon is withholding considerable information on the size of his staff, it is not expected that much new data can be assembled by a staff of part-time scientists working on a scheduled fifteen-month project.

Dr. Condon may also have to contend with the Central Intelligence Agency, America's super spy organization, which

censored the report of a Congressional hearing on the UFO problem in 1953. The CIA censorship was primarily concerned with the records of a meeting of scientists led by Dr. H. P. Robertson, from the California Institute of Technology.

Condon also refuses to involve his group with any civilian research organization although some of the most important stories have originated from these sources. Neither will Dr. Condon's group be able to study the thousands of reports from other countries.

"Involvement with the press and/or UFO fanatics would require more time than Condon, who is working 'part-time', or his part-time staff could devote to the project," reported Dan Partner, staff writer for the *Denver Post*.

With the reports increasing of car-chasing UFO's, exploding fireballs, dangerous swoops at airliners, and other equally frightening incidents, we can only pray that Dr. Condon's bland attitude toward his UFO project is based on the correct information.

We also wonder why the most powerful government on earth, which spends billions in esoteric research projects, cannot afford a full-time UFO research project staffed with both scientists and laymen.

"UFO's Are Our Biggest Problem"

"The matter is urgent," is how Dr. James E. McDonald, professor of meteorology at the University of Arizona, describes flying saucers. "They're no joking matter. They may well be ships from outer space—spying on the earth."

Dr. McDonald bluntly blames the U.S. Air Force for an irresponsible, incompetent investigation of UFO's that has led citizens into treating the phenomena with humor. "There is considerable evidence to indicate saucers are extraterrestrial in origin," said the outspoken scientist, a senior physicist at Arizona University's Institute of Atmospheric Physics. "Scientists the world over should stop accepting ridiculous statements from the Air Force and approach the matter in a scientific manner."

Dr. McDonald believes the earth is being spied upon by saucers. He reported patterns indicate the crafts are surveying the earth. "I call these objects 'probes,' as opposed to spacecraft," said Dr. McDonald, indicating UFO's could be directed by remote control or operated by robots.

In the past few months Dr. McDonald has been journeying to various sections of the country to talk with groups of scientists. His talks impress listeners with the urgent necessity of an immediate solution to the UFO enigma. "It is the greatest problem facing mankind and we must do something about it."

In his talks Dr. McDonald is an acid-tongued critic of the Air Force. "Of the thousands of sightings reported to the Air Force they claim less than four percent remain unidentified," said Dr. McDonald. "This is not true because many of their explanations are ridiculous and unreasonable." The scientist pointed out that highly touted Project Blue Book, the government's investigative agency at Wright-Patterson Field in Dayton, Ohio, is staffed with one officer, an enlisted man, and a single secretary. "This is hardly the staff to investigate and evaluate thousands of sightings," said Dr. McDonald.

"The public has been led to believe the Air Force was investigating these objects thoroughly," McDonald said. "The truth is that the Air Force has made only a handful of in-field investigations. The entire UFO situation is a scientific scandal."

The Arizona physicist feels the Air Force-sponsored study

at the University of Colorado is "a start in the right direction." However, Dr. McDonald warns his audiences, "There is an urgent need for a far more exhaustive study to really investigate the matter and the Colorado group is very limited in its functions. This problem needs to be studied by entire teams of scientists."

In World War II Dr. McDonald served as an intelligence officer and was on the Cloud Physics Project at the University of Chicago and, recently, was named to a National Academy of Sciences committee on weather modification methods.

Why the Big Saucer Cover-Up?

There has been repeated charges of an Air Force conspiracy to hide the truth about flying saucers. Donald Keyhoe, director of the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) believes the Air Force has practiced a policy of deliberate censorship.

Keyhoe's assumptions may be correct because Air Force officials denied the existence of saucers from the day of their first sighting by Kenneth Arnold. The formation of nine disks over Mount Rainier were officially debunked as "weather balloons," "dust clouds," and "reflections."

"Now the tactic has changed," Keyhoe charged in the January, 1965, issue of *True* magazine. "The policy is total suppression of news." Keyhoe revealed that the Air Force directive AR 200-2 forbids military personnel to discuss UFO's or their sightings in public. Press censorship orders hide facts from newsmen. ". . . information about UFO's is to be withheld from the press unless the thing has been positively identified as a familiar or known object," the memo stated.

In 1959 John Lester revealed in the *Newark Star-Ledger* that a committee of fifty airline pilots were disgusted with the absolutely "ridiculous" censorship police policies of the Air Force. Lester disclosed that civilian pilots who did not maintain secrecy on saucer sightings were subject to a ten-year prison sentence and a fine of up to \$10,000.

"When we report a UFO sighting to the Air Force, we are treated like blundering fools and told a bolt of lightning followed our plane for a hundred miles," complained one anonymous pilot. "Most pilots have quit reporting them despite some pretty close calls and narrow misses."

Do the Air Force and other government investigative agencies know more than they're telling?

On a trip to England before her untimely death, television personality and newspaper columnist Dorothy Kilgallen obtained considerable information on flying saucers from worried officials in the British government. Miss Kilgallen wrote in the *New York Journal American*:

I can report today on a story that is positively spooky, not to mention chilling. British scientists and airmen, after examination of the wreckage of one mysterious fly-

ing ship, are convinced that these strange aerial objects are not optical illusions or Soviet inventions, but are actually flying saucers which originate on another planet. The source of my information is a British official of Cabinet rank, who prefers to remain unidentified.

He says: "We believe, on the basis of our inquiries thus far, that the saucers were staffed by small men—probably under four feet tall. It's frightening but there is no denying the flying saucer came from another planet."

This official quoted scientists as saying a flying ship of this type could not possibly have been constructed on earth. The British government, I learned, is withholding an official report on the flying saucer examination at this time, possibly because it does not want to frighten the public. . . .

There can be several reasons for such an incredible cover-up.

During the *War of the Worlds* radio dramatization in 1938, Orson Welles's realistic program created wholesale panic. Despite announcements that the program was fiction, people reacted violently and several confused listeners committed suicide. Chaos rang in thousands of homes as families prepared to defend themselves against "Martian invaders."

With the 1938 pandemonium as a guideline to our nation's reaction to extraterrestrial landings, it is not difficult to understand why military officials have maintained strict secrecy about saucers.

The world political situation is another complication. With the Communist bloc and the Western powers locked in a deadly power struggle for survival, it is true that the capture and duplication of a flying saucer would disrupt the balance of power. A squadron of flying saucers would be the most powerful weapon on earth.

The fear of economic disaster is also frightening in its implications. If the saucers are propelled by some natural "free energy," entire industries might be destroyed. A depression and economic chaos could be triggered by an announcement.

Imagine the turmoil among investors and the gyrations of the stock market if newspapers suddenly announced:

SAUCERS FROM OTHER PLANETS.
MORE ADVANCED CIVILIZATION, SAYS AIR FORCE.

The frantic surge to sell stocks on Wall Street would be unprecedented in history. All forms of planning would vanish as the threat of an advanced society would disrupt our transportation, money, homes, heating, communications, and other aspects of living. It would require considerable judgment to formulate a method of informing citizens of such an incredible situation.

"What do they want?" would be the question on everyone's lips, and our minds would be scarred by the many possibilities.

The possible hostility of saucers is another reason why a government might not wish to divulge the complete story. As writer Charles Fort suggested, we might be "property" planted here in the past. It could be time for harvest!

For a moment suppose there is something so fantastic and frightening about saucers that the public simply cannot be told. Perhaps they are piloted by strange beings with superpowers from a universe in another dimension. Science is just beginning to probe the existence of "antimatter" and anti-worlds. Could saucers be teleported from these other dimensions?

Are the UFO pilots advance scouts from another planet preparing to settle on earth? Are they advance travel agents for a wave of outer-space tourists who amuse themselves by visiting overcrowded mudballs? Are they a dying race searching for fresh, strong specimens to infuse their society with vitality and energy? Are they intent on making eventual slave raids on our planet?

It would appear to any intelligent person that the Air Force's Project Blue Book is merely a red herring cover-up agency to front for behind-the-scenes investigations. There have been too many instances involving agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Central Intelligence Agency, and another "secret" government agency to think otherwise.

Undoubtedly the government knows more than they have released on UFO's.

Do we really want to know the truth?

... Or Was It a Pseudosaucer?

On March 12, 1967, two brothers in Bountiful, Utah, announced they were responsible for a rash of weird glowing objects that triggered dozens of supposed saucer sightings in their community. Lynn Porter, twenty-three, and his brother, Robin, nineteen, stated they had released six balloons constructed from plastic dry-cleaning bags and powered by candles.

It is expected that pseudosaucers will trigger many sightings in the future as pranksters release the devices. Heat from a candle or other burning object creates a hotter-than-air contraption which takes off for the wild blue yonder.

A teenager revealed how to construct a quick saucer. "You get a plastic bag from a dry cleaner's, tie it at the top, and use kite sticks or balsa wood to construct an X frame on the bottom. Snap the bag to the frame with a rubber band.

"Next, staple or tack a foil baking cup in the center of the frame, add a couple of spoonfuls of Sterno canned heat, and light it," the youth said. "It rises immediately and bounces, hovers, and streaks through the sky just like the reports on flying saucers."

With a few minutes' time any prankster can now create his own saucer hoax.

Are You a Believer?

The young teenage girl was staring into the darkened heavens above California's Mojave Desert when she saw a bright, glowing light streak across the sky.

Her shriek of excitement electrified several thousand people who were attending the annual Interplanetary Spacecraft Convention at the Giant Rock airport near Twentynine Palms, California.

"Oooh! It's a flying saucer," the young girl screamed. "The spacemen are preparing to land!"

"... bright light."

"... flying saucer."

"... they're starting to land!"

Thousands of eyes strained to glimpse the bobbing, glowing light.

"Quiet! Quiet! I'm having a vision," shouted a tall, slender woman in a skin-tight jump suit. She pressed her fingers to her forehead and closed her eyes in concentration. "Noslo, my contact from Jupiter, has reported it is a mother ship from Mars."

"Goody! My prayers have been answered. I'll be able to meet the masters," gushed a gray-haired matron, wringing her hands in excited anticipation.

"You can call it whatever you wish," convention sponsor George Van Tassel announced. "I think it's a light tied to a balloon." Van Tassel knew that his annual flying-saucer convention attracts thousands of flying-saucer believers—and scoffers—plus a few prankish college students.

George W. Van Tassel became interested in spaceships shortly after World War II when he was an aircraft safety man for mysterious multimillionaire Howard Hughes. Van Tassel leased the government-owned Giant Rock airport in 1947 and, between duties as an airport manager, experimented with telepathy.

In 1951 he managed to contact something called "The Council of the Seven Lights"—or so Van Tassel claimed. The council is a group of disincarnate earthlings who are purported to be responsible for things on our planet. "They are

now in an orbiting spaceship to set up methods of inspiration," Van Tassel stated. The Californian also claimed to have contacted Solgonda, an extraterrestrial who landed in a flying saucer.

Shortly after his claimed contact with the being from another world, Van Tassel organized his Interplanetary Spacecraft Convention, which is held each October. He also established the College of Universal Wisdom which is supposed to study rejuvenation through information passed along by the space people.

"You just wouldn't believe it until you've actually attended one of these wingdings," declared an enthusiastic nonbeliever. "I get a kick out of the wild stories around the conventions."

At a recent Giant Rock convention Sonya Lyubein declared she was contacted by Orthon, a Saturnian. "I am concerned because earthlings are so much more sexually inhibited than our brothers on the other planets," she stated.

Gloria Lee, an attractive contactee who is a former airline stewardess, told convention-goers of the numerous messages and warnings she received from J. W. of Jupiter. Her contact was also concerned about human sexual response and said, "earthlings have totally misconceived the purpose of their sexual drives." Miss Lee indicated there were no marriage vows on other planets. "This allows greater freedom than we have on earth," she explained. She is the author of a book entitled *Why We Are Here!*

One favorite at saucer conventions, whether they're held at Giant Rock or elsewhere, is Chief Frank Buckshot Standing Horse, an Ottawa Indian from Oklahoma. The chief told an audience at one convention that "the figs on the Planet Orion are as big as watermelons." He admitted this would be a bit difficult to believe.

As Chief Standing Horse tells it, "My journey started in July, 1960, when a Frenchman, a Mexican, and a Venusian invited me aboard their huge flying saucer."

One of his fellow passengers on the interplanetary journey was a very attractive young woman from the planet Orion whose hair was "as black as raven's meat."

"I thought she was about twenty-nine years old. Because of an excellent diet she was a young four hundred and seventeen years old," he declared. Apparently the young lady was a mere youngster as the chief said some extraterrestrials lived to be ten thousand years old.

Chief Standing Horse said the space people sent a message to earth: "Desert the atom bomb," they pleaded. "The bombs are shaking the heavens and creating fallout in the universe."

As the chief said, it may be a bit difficult to believe unless you've been to a few saucer conventions.

Crowds Who See Saucers

Hundreds of New Jersey residents huddled on the shores of the Wanaque Reservoir and watched a glowing flying saucer hover over the frozen water for more than two hours on the nights of January 11 and 12, 1966. "It was glowing, colored white, and melted the ice with some kind of a beam," said an observer.

Wanaque Mayor Harry Wolfe was startled when he was notified by police that a UFO was hovering over Raymond Dam. Wanaque City Councilmen Arthur Barton and Warren Hagstrom accompanied Mayor Wolfe and his son, Billy, age fourteen, to the reservoir.

"It was moving very slowly over the lake. We saw it as soon as we stepped from the car," the officials told newsmen. They reported the device was approximately nine feet in diameter and "changed colors frequently, glowing from white to green to red and then back to white."

Civil Defense Director Bartley Spencer watched the UFO with Reservoir Patrolman George Sykman and others. Spencer said he rushed to the top of the dam and saw "beams of light coming from a porthole. These bolts of light shot down to the surface of the lake as if they were attracted by water."

The *Newark News* stated "the saucer hovered over the dam for about two hours before it soared out of sight. It reappeared over Lakeland Regional High School in the Midvale section of the borough." The saucer vanished again before excited photographers could reach the scene and obtain photographs. It reappeared a few moments later over a sandpit where firemen were burning Christmas trees.

The following night was another exciting moment for the citizens of Wanaque who saw the saucer return and perform incredible aerial antics over the reservoir. Wanaque Police Officers Joseph Cisco and Davis Cisco were among those who witnessed the return performance.

Since then the region around Wanaque has been plagued by dozens of UFO's. Several police officers spotted a similar object in March, 1966. Police Sergeant Robert Gordon saw a strange "bright object" in the sky on the night of October 11, 1966. The brilliant UFO was moving toward the lake as Gordon telephoned Sergeant Ben Thompson of the reservoir po-

lice. Thompson obtained a close view of the "weirdly-shaped" UFO.

On October 16, 1966, several families around Wanaque saw a large circular object with flickering red and white lights as it also moved toward the reservoir. A gray-colored metal object "about the size of an orange" was reported over the lake earlier in the evening, according to the *Newark News*.

"I don't know what they're after," said Abram "Bud" Lodder. "Whatever it was, it was shaped like an egg. The light was as bright as a welder's torch." Lodder and his family spotted the mysterious oval object from their back yard, a few miles from the reservoir.

Mrs. Helen Lodder said the object interfered with both radio and television reception. "The sets would not work," she told newsmen. About ten minutes after the UFO disappeared the radio and TV played again without static."

Residents of the Wanaque region are now addicted to sky watching. They park along Westbrook Road, which leads around the reservoir, and wait for the return of the saucer. Many of the waiting watchers are armed with cameras, but no photographs of the elusive saucer have been obtained.

On the evening of April 16, 1966, several thousand residents of Fort Smith, Arkansas, watched a string of four lights hang in the sky and rotate "like the beacon on a police squad car."

As families poured from their homes they saw a green light start to move to and fro between the ruby lights. These pulsating lights were later joined by a flashing beam of white light that pierced the darkness.

Newsmen and police officers were among a crowd of fifteen hundred persons who watched the acrobatic UFO's. John Garner, of radio station KFSA, broadcast an on-the-spot description of the phenomena to his listeners. A spokesman from an Air Force base at Little Rock reported "we have no reports of aircraft in the area." Whatever visited Fort Smith left thousands of witnesses to discuss its bizarre, unearthly maneuvers.

Nineteen sixty-six was a particularly crowded year for UFO sightings in Florida. New Port Richey, Brooksville, and Hudson residents reported scores of sightings. Orlando was another favorite spot for unidentified objects. A bluish-green UFO with flashing red and green lights maneuvered over an Orlando subdivision on the evening of April 30. Paul Morris

and several neighbors told the Orange County Sheriff's Department that the object "remained motionless" or moved slowly over East Dale Acres for more than an hour.

On May 10 hundreds of Orlando residents sighted strangely shaped objects. Police and news-room phones were flooded with calls from excited observers. Several heard a "whirring, buzzing" noise when the UFO flew low over their property. Many of the 1966 Florida sightings occurred over water pumping stations, power high lines or power stations.

A burning object flared over Norfolk, Virginia, for three nights straight during the first week of August, 1966, and left puzzled Virginians groping for any kind of explanation.

The fiery UFO was first seen on the night of August 7. "A plane is burning over the city," many observers concluded.

This theory was quickly dispelled.

"There were three or four lights moving very slowly over the city," said an observer. "From time to time they burst into flames and burned brighter than an automobile on fire!" Occasionally the lights separated and streaked rapidly through the sky and gathered again for a leisurely pace around the city.

The unusual aerial fire kept excited Virginians staring into the sky for three nights in a row. "We don't have anything like it," said a spokesman at Langley Air Force Base.

For more than an hour on the night of September 20, 1964, a crowd of Californians watched a luminous cigar-shaped UFO circle over Rio Dell, California. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Martin and their family observed the UFO through a sixty-power telescope. Julie Martin, fifteen, told newsmen that "it made three complete orbits, passing directly over the town each time."

Attorney Howard Neville, Jr., of Eureka, California, and several other persons also observed the craft. Donald Martin said the craft circled at an altitude of about fifty thousand feet and disappeared with a tremendous burst of speed.

On March 23, 1966, several adults and youngsters saw six disk-shaped silver-colored saucers in the late afternoon sky over Trinidad, Colorado. "It was about five o'clock and I was walking down the street bouncing my Super Ball when something started flashing in my eyes," said John Mantera, vividly recalling the sighting with boyish enthusiasm. "I looked over

toward the ridge and saw three objects. Two were stationary in the air and one was on the ground. Later we found burned weeds there."

Mrs. Eula Mae Hoch, Trinidad, said her son, Dean, ten, and Raymond Garrison, fourteen, also saw the objects. "They were very quiet, moved very slow, and flew fairly low," stated Mrs. Hoch. Editor Arch Gibson of the *Trinidad Chronicle-News* received other reports indicating numerous children and adults observed the objects before they disappeared behind a mountain ridge.

"I have never seen anything like it before," asserted pilot Carlos Flores after a UFO chased his Caravelle jet airliner with sixty-five passengers aboard on September 10, 1966. The giant jetliner was on flight from San Luis to Buenos Aires, Argentina, when a red, oval UFO streaked out of the clouds and paced the Argentine Airways plane.

"Although the passengers saw the UFO chasing our plane, they did not panic," said Captain Flores. "The UFO followed us right into the Buenos Aires Airport."

Passengers at the terminal, control-tower technicians, and several pilots observed the object. "We know it was not a weather balloon or a meteor," said Captain Flores. The UFO sped off into the skies when the airliner circled for a landing.

In Spain crowds of frightened Spanish peasants besieged government officials for an explanation to the origin of twenty-centimeters-diameter metallic spheres that plunged from the sky. A Spanish newspaper described the device as two hollow globes connected by a metal pole. A crowd at a bullfight were startled when one of the glowing, sparkling objects plunged into the ring. Rumors indicate the composition of the metal is almost pure titanium.

In Sarnia, Ontario, more than a hundred Canadians watched a bright, disk-shaped object hover for two hours over the Kettle Point Indian Reserve. "I've never seen anything like it in my entire life," said Lawrence Bressette, who operates a store on the reservation. "It had red, blue, green, and white lights that flickered as it stayed there in the sky, about three hundred feet off the ground."

"I was in intelligence during the war and I believe it was flashing some sort of code," declared Bill Pardue, another observer.

"It stayed for quite some time and then moved away," said Gene Parsons, who told an AFSCA investigator that he observed the UFO for more than an hour.

"I watched it but, brother, you couldn't have gotten me close to that thing. It was eerie," said another observer.

Flickering lights, falling spheres, and weird objects in the sky are being seen by thousands of reputable citizens in every country in the world. Can large crowds be fooled by supposed illusions from swamp gas?

Battle with a Bristly-Haired Dwarf

One of the strangest stories of contact with the crew of a flying saucer occurred on the morning of November 28, 1954, in Caracas, Venezuela. Gustavo Gonzales and Jose Ponce, two young grocery deliverymen, were making a delivery run to the suburbs in their panel truck.

As they turned a corner by a meat-packing plant, the two astonished Venezuelans were confronted by a large, luminous flying saucer which blocked the street. Witnesses to the fantastic affair stated the craft was about twenty feet in diameter and rested on three tripod-type landing gears.

Gonzales frantically braked his delivery truck to a screeching stop and leaped from the vehicle. As he started toward the saucer an apelike creature appeared from beneath the ship. The being was about four feet tall, walked normally, but was covered completely by bristly black hair.

"Suddenly I got the idea of capturing this creature and throwing it in the back of the truck," Gonzales reported later.

He grabbed the black dwarf and started running toward his truck. "His body was very light; he didn't weigh nearly as much as I expected," Gonzales said. "The hair on his body was very bristly. He was as hard as rock."

With a single sudden blow the dwarf knocked Gonzales fifteen feet down the street. Jose Ponce started for the tiny creature but was distracted by two similar creatures who emerged from a nearby vacant lot with trays of dirt in their clawlike hands. Having witnessed the power of a single blow, Ponce quickly retreated in the direction of a nearby police station.

Gonzales recovered just as the dwarfs dashed toward their saucer. The Venezuelan flicked open his knife and advanced on his bristly-haired opponent. "The tiny thing must have jumped six feet up into the air. He came at me with his eyes blazing," Gonzales told police investigators. "His claws were extended as if he meant business."

As the creature approached, Gonzales slashed at his shoulder. Surprisingly the knife blade glanced off the dwarf's hairy body as if he was made of metal.

The puzzled Gonzales was wondering what to do next when another hairy dwarf emerged from the saucer, carrying a flashlight type of device. A beam of blinding light paralyzed Gonzales momentarily and he froze when the light struck him. The dwarfs leaped into their saucer, snapped the hatch shut, and the disk glowed brightly as it took off into the sky. When police arrived the saucer had vanished.

The unbelieving police inspector listened to the tale with amusement. "How much have you had to drink?" he inquired. "Let me smell your breath."

Satisfied the men were sober, the police listened to Gonzales with more interest. An officer discovered small holes in the vacant lot "as if someone had been digging."

Police fanned out to find eyewitnesses to the incident. "Even if we saw it, you'd never get me to admit it," said a nearby tavern owner. "I don't want my customers thinking I'm crazy in the head."

Gonzales was taken to a physician and treated for red welts and abrasions on his stomach, shoulders, and sides. These marks were his only proof of the battle with the bristly-haired black dwarf.

"I'll never try to capture one again," he told police.

The 1967 Iowa-Illinois UFO Circus

A policeman took color movies of a UFO in the sky. Dozens of people watched the aerial acrobatics of weird objects in the sky. Something in the sky was flying over the Mississippi River and frightening residents of eastern Iowa and western Illinois during mid-March, 1967.

The UFO circus started on March 8 when a thirty-nine-year-old Knox County, Illinois, deputy sheriff spotted a saucer-shaped object "like a big overturned bowl sitting in a coaster," near Galesburg. Deputy Frank Courson reported a ring around the bottom of the object pulsed. "I looked through my binoculars and could see that the ring was revolving," Courson said.

A licensed pilot, Courson judged the UFO went over at around three thousand feet. "It was about the same altitude as I fly over Galesburg," he said. The saucer gave off a "hissing" sound when it flew over Courson's patrol car.

Later Moline Policeman Bill Fisher aimed his 8 mm. movie camera at a glowing UFO that maneuvered over the Mississippi River. The film was developed by a local television station and shown to TV viewers in the Illinois-Iowa area.

"I was riding my motorcycle on patrol when the object was spotted," said Patrolman Fisher. "It was about the size of a boxcar and as I watched a second UFO materialized and both flew out of sight."

A Henry County, Illinois, deputy sheriff, Bob Powell of Geneseo, watched another object for several minutes as it moved slowly through the sky. Bill Green, another police officer, also spotted the object and watched it hover for forty-five minutes.

Across the river in Buffalo, Iowa, twelve-year-old Jimmie Scott got out of bed about 2 A.M. to get a drink of water and was surprised to see a glowing white object in the sky. "It looked exactly like a saucer," he told his parents.

On March 9 two nuns and forty of their pupils at Sacred Heart Elementary School in Moline, Illinois, saw several UFO's. A few hours later police officers upriver at Savanna, Illinois, spotted a pulsating saucer-shaped object flickering over their city. Savanna CAP personnel Gary Purcell, Wade

Geller, Cary Roe, and John Bowman sighted the UFO as it moved across the community toward the east.

Air Force personnel from O'Hare Field, Chicago, investigated several sighting reports, but provided no official explanation for the mysterious phenomena.

What Happened at Erie?

Was it a creature from a flying saucer that frightened the occupants of a disabled automobile on a beach near Erie, Pennsylvania, on the night of July 31, 1966? The landing of an apparent UFO left baffled residents wondering if Erie might not be a nest for something from outer space.

It was about 10 P.M. when Patrolmen Robert Loeb, Jr., and Ralph E. Clark were making their hourly patrol run along the beaches of Presque Isle Peninsula Park, which lies north of Erie. The two men noticed an automobile stuck in the sand and stopped to investigate.

The occupants of the car were Douglas Tibbets, eighteen, Betty Jean Klem, sixteen, and Anita Haifley, twenty-two. Officers were told that Gerald La Belle, twenty-six, had gone for help to remove the car from the sand.

"We'll be back in another thirty or forty minutes and we'll check again if you're here," the officers told the group.

After the policemen left, the young women were watching the stars when a bright pinpoint increased in size and swooped directly toward the car. The illuminated object landed directly in front of the car, behind several brushy trees.

"It was the size of a house," Miss Klem related. "It was mushroom-shaped. I could see lights on the back of it."

"The thing settled on the beach about one hundred yards from us. When it struck the earth it glowed bright red," Douglas Tibbets informed newsmen. "We felt the car shake and there was a loud noise such as a telephone receiver makes."

The UFO began to transmit rays of white lights that probed the beach and woods. "There were about a dozen lights and they seemed to be searching for something," Tibbets told officials. The frightened occupants of the car noticed a scratching sound on the roof of the vehicle. Tibbets later discovered several scratches and a dent in the top.

Around 10:30 Patrolmen Loeb and Clark returned to the scene with the red light flashing on their vehicle to let the group know it was a police vehicle.

"There are some mighty weird things happening up the beach," Tibbets told them. The patrolmen, accompanied by Tibbets, walked around the area in front of the car. Their

search was interrupted by the shattering blare of Tibbets' automobile horn; they hurriedly ran back to the car.

"Miss Klem was hysterical, shaking and crying," the patrolmen reported. She sobbed that a giant figure had approached the car.

"There's something out there in the dark!" Miss Klem screamed when she glimpsed the dark figure approaching. Anita Hailley had huddled over her children in the rear seat of the vehicle. Miss Klem said the darkness hid the features of the visitor. "It did not appear human and it wasn't like any animal I've ever seen.

"It was over six feet tall and I couldn't see any arms and legs," she said. "When I blew the horn it moved slowly away and disappeared into the bushes."

When Tibbets and the patrolmen reached the car, Miss Klem leaped from the vehicle. "She started to run away and I caught her," Patrolman Clark reported.

Mrs. Hailley had remained composed throughout the incident as she had not seen the figure from her position on the rear seat of the car.

Park Police Chief Dan Descano told reporters, "I know what people are going to say but this girl definitely saw something that frightened her very badly. This is no joke as far as we are concerned."

The following morning two patrolmen visited the site at 7 A.M. and discovered several distinct impressions in the sand. Patrolmen Paul Wilson and J. Robert Canfield also discovered three spots of damp sand. Samples of the odorless, sticky, colorless liquid was later discovered to be silicon.

On August 3, 1966, *The Erie Daily News* revealed staff members had been investigating reports of an unusual UFO sighting south of the community. *The News* did not divulge the name of a rural couple because "they are already suffering because of their having told neighbors about the sighting."

The couple informed reporters they saw a cigar-shaped UFO "shortly after the fourth of July." The craft was seen during the night hours over a period of two weeks.

Another individual living in the area told *The News* that an Air Force investigator had checked the sighting. "He warned people to stay away from the object if it should reappear," the man stated.

Erie residents have been seeing strange things in their

skies for several years. On May 15, 1964, Mrs. Richard Gross said that her two young boys noticed a strange object in the sky as they were preparing for bed. Another young boy sighted a "chrome thing that went put-put" near his home in Kearsarge. An anonymous individual called *The News* office to report a tripod-shaped craft landing at a picnic area near Erie.

An AFSCA investigator, who analyzed many of the Pennsylvania sightings, concluded, "there may be a flying saucer 'nest' somewhere near Erie."

The True Facts About Flying Saucers

Reports from research members of AFSCA have poured into our national headquarters at 2004 North Hoover Street, Los Angeles, California, and we have been able to compile a massive amount of data on the UFO phenomena. In more than a decade of study and research AFSCA has investigated virtually every aspect of the flying-saucer mystery.

After a lecture, or an appearance on radio or television, we encourage questions from the listeners and these queries frequently fall into definite categories. Here, in question-and-answer form, are what we believe to be the true facts about flying saucers.

Why has there never been any physical evidence of the existence of flying saucers?

In 1952 a flying saucer crashed on Spitzbergen Island and the Norwegian, British, and American governments combined experts for a group examination of the machine. On September 4, 1955, the head of the Danish Board of Inquiry held an interview with newsmen which was published in the *Stuttgarter Tageblatt* and other European newspapers.

Colonel Gernod Darnbyl, head of the board of inquiry that was conducted by the Norwegian General Staff, stated:

"It (the saucer) has—this we wish to state emphatically—not been built by any country on earth. The materials used in the construction are completely unknown to all experts who participated in the investigation."

The Norwegians planned to publish an in-depth report following their investigation. According to Colonel Darnbyl, this report was not to be released until "some of the sensational facts have been discussed with the United States and British experts." As we know, the report has not been released and we can only presume the British and Americans convinced the Danish officials to pigeonhole their analysis.

However, Colonel Darnbyl felt the report should have been released immediately because "misplaced secrecy might lead to panic."

Frank Edwards, in his book *Flying Saucers—Serious Business*, devoted a chapter to various pieces of hardware from

saucers that are known to exist. These included a three thousand pound piece of saucer metal reported to be held by the Canadian government.

Where American citizens have discovered pieces of flying saucers, these objects have often disappeared behind a curtain of military censorship. Air Force Intelligence officers wear the uniform of our country and find it easy to convince a finder to turn an object over to the government for analysis. In many cases actual pieces of saucers have been branded as fakes, the reputation of the finder smeared by innuendoes or public announcements that they perpetrated a hoax.

Any person who comes into possession of part of a saucer should forward it to a reliable civilian saucer group for analysis or send it to a privately owned, independent laboratory.

Are they really from outer space?

Based on AFSCA research and other available data, I have to conclude they are vehicles from other planets piloted by extraterrestrials. This does not mean that the United States doesn't have a flying saucer—of sorts. Since the appearance of UFO's, our government has had a secret crash program to duplicate a craft with these amazing speeds and maneuverability.

What planet are they from?

We believe they originate from several points within our own—and other—solar systems. This explains the many varieties and types of saucer pilots sighted in various parts of the world. Many people have been confused by the many different forms of saucers; as they originate in several different areas of the universe, they are varied in appearance.

Also, just as the American automobile has changed in appearance since 1947, so have saucers undergone many design changes since then.

Are they hostile?

AFSCA presents all aspects of the flying-saucer phenomena in lectures and books so each individual may formulate his own opinion. My personal belief is that hostility is a premature conclusion. Some people are currently popularizing the theory of hostility but the Air Force consistently has stated they represent no threat to national security.

Hostility may depend upon your personal reaction. If you

consider surveillance of our society by people from outer space to be a hostile action, then they are hostile.

Consider their use of paralysis lights. These have only been used where a person was approaching the craft. It may be utilized to protect a curious human from even greater danger. There have been many reports of radiation patterns around UFO's and one contactee died mysteriously of radiation several months after his claimed experience. The extraterrestrials are probably trying to eliminate such unfortunate occurrences.

I don't believe there is enough documented evidence to prove these claims. However, it is quite possible that extraterrestrials from one planet could be hostile, while others are friendly. Until we have more evidence we should maintain a neutral, receptive attitude toward the actual facts.

Saucers have been sighted for many years in our skies and if they were hostile, it would appear they would have unleashed a full-scale attack long before now.

What about the Air Force investigation?

The Air Force is either the world's greatest collection of bungling incompetents or else they are engaged in a fantastic plot to censor the real truth on UFO's. Surely the government knows considerably more than civilian research groups but the military has failed to inform the public. The CIA and the National Security Agency are involved with saucers.

Incidentally I am always suspicious of people who refuse to divulge information for "the good of the people." It is only a short step from there to deciding we are not capable of voting in an election. Censorship is not the democratic way.

What about the stories told by contactees?

Up until a few years ago only a small group of people believed in flying saucers. In 1966 more than five million Americans told Gallup Poll interviewers they had seen flying saucers and more than half of the nation's population now believes UFO's are real.

Are we involved in a similar dilemma with contactees? The entire saucer field is perilous with the dangers of making snap judgments about a phenomena where we know very little. Let's not make the same mistake with contactees that we did with saucers. We need an open, but skeptical, attitude toward claims of contact.

Some organizations have asserted that mention of contact

with extraterrestrials stamps saucer research with an image of lunacy. AFSCA feels each claim of contact should be carefully investigated and examined.

There are undoubtedly many lonely people who have claimed contact as a method of attracting attention to themselves. Some of their claims are truly fantastic—but so is the entire flying-saucer situation. We could be missing important information if we summarily dismiss all claims of contact.

There are several cases on record where the extraterrestrials use telepathy to converse with contactees. You might be sitting in front of your television tonight and receive such a mental message. Imagine the frustration of trying to convince anyone of the reality of such an experience.

A psychiatrist recently released a report stating flying-saucer club meetings were attended by obviously mentally deranged people. Shortly afterward a reporter for *The New York Times* attended several meetings and stated those who attended were normal, concerned individuals who might be found at any PTA or service-club meeting. Each person will have to make up his own mind.

What "message" have the spacemen given contactees?

They are here to impart part of their advanced scientific, technological, and sociological knowledge to help us resolve the problems of mankind before we destroy ourselves. The contactees say spacemen were attracted by our nuclear explosions and they're concerned that mankind may destroy itself and part of the universe.

They hope to enlighten us to successfully eliminate the motives for war, expansionism, and poverty. Several of the contactees have pointed out that the extraterrestrials use an advanced system of economics that has eliminated want and need on their planets.

Why don't they land?

The contactees report the space people are frightened of the possible consequences to our society. Several writers have speculated on the consequences of premature open contact with an advanced race. They may be aware of this catastrophe and have a timetable or schedule which will prevent the erosion of our culture.

Progress is a natural function of any society but a jump of, say, ten thousand years might be too great a shock for the patient. There are many ethical and religious implications. The

contactees report the extraterrestrials revere all life and our slaughter of animals and general contempt of nonhuman life might clash with their ethics.

On the other hand, perhaps total contact between the species of two planets is impossible. It could also be a form of invisible contact.

Aimé Michel, author of *Flying Saucers and The Straight-Line Mystery*, reported:

The mouse that nibbles our old leather-bound books sees everything we see—but he does not perceive all that we perceive. What makes a book a book is forever hidden from his eyes; the letters are formed on his retina, but they convey no meaning to his brain . . . in all of the human drama he is aware of only the mousy bits.

We are capable of receiving only a small portion of all of the communications that surround us, and only those on our own psychic level. Although many animals are known to have their own methods of communication, we may be aware of their signals but usually do not understand them.

Are saucers possibly electromagnetic?

Yes. An electromagnetic method of propulsion and defense solves many of the baffling aspects about saucers. An induced magnetic current will provide:

- * Means of transmitting electrical currents toward a human body at a distance. This would explain "tingling" and "prickly" effects from rays.

- * A conductive surface could be burned at a distance by transmitting a current. This could explain the mystery of the "charred roots" in the Florida scoutmaster incident and people who report "heat waves" and similar phenomena.

- * An electromagnetic current would destroy the timing of the ignition system on an automobile engine. This explains why automobiles frequently stop dead when near a saucer.

- * Alternating magnetic currents will also affect radio, television, electrical currents, and power lines. These are all affected by saucers.

- * Magnetic currents would explain some of the mysterious power failures in recent years.

As all of these experiences occur occasionally, rather than at all sightings, AFSCA presumes saucers use electromagnetic devices as a defense weapon and possibly as a secondary method of propulsion.

Why doesn't my local newspaper print more news on saucers?

In a recent four-month period AFSCA collected data on seventy-one saucer sightings *per week* throughout the world. With such frequent appearances saucers are no longer news except on a local basis. The person who wishes to obtain complete information on saucer sightings should subscribe to a publication like AFSCA's *UFO's International*, which prints saucer news from throughout the world.

I feel our newspapers are missing the most important story in history but their coverage, of necessity, must be limited.

How can I learn more about saucers?

Maintain an open mind, read some of the better books on the subject, and keep informed on current developments. If you wish, you can write AFSCA and obtain my list of recommended books.

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